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INSIDE MANFRED SCHAEFER & ZORAN MATIC

OCEANIA IS FACT, LIVE WITH IT!

Controversy reigns once more concerning the Chairman of Soccer Australia, David Hill. This time it is over some things said by Hill about the Oceania Confederation and its President, Charlie Dempsey.

Maybe the humiliating defeat of Chairman Hill's proposal at the mid-year FIFA conference has cut deeper than can be gauged by just looking at the leader of Soccer Australia. Hill is certainly not accustomed to being beaten, he is nothing if not a fighter.

However sometimes it is better to sheath the claws, swallow hard and then look for the alternatives to the idea that one proposed and which was beaten so soundly.

There is no doubt, when looked at dispassionately, that the formation of Oceania is going to be a positive move for this country, Australia.

Already we are in a position to receive large sums of money for competing as the Oceania representatives in the Confederations Cup during December 1997. Surely that alone is a tremendous gain.

Being able to compete at the highest level against Germany and Brazil is a real bonus. We have a chance of making the Semi Finals given a favourable draw.

The likes of Mexico, hosts Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Japan, even Uruguay should not be beyond a well prepared and tactically aware Australia.

For anything to succeed, there first has to be a person with a vision. In the case of Oceania that person was a Scotsman who migrated to New Zealand called Charlie Dempsey.

He had a dream, clung to

it, lobbied for it, worked at it, pushed, harried, niggled. Finally the dream became reality.

A migrant Englishman meanwhile in Australia called David Hill, thought that Australia's future lay in the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

There is absolutely no way that the AFC would have had Australia anywhere near them. They fear Australia, in a footballing (Association that is) sense. They foresaw that if they allowed Australia into Asia then automatically one of their treasured places at the World Cup would be lost everytime, to the country from Down Under.

The people from Asia are too polite to tell David Hill this truth. The members of AFC saw a method of getting Australia out of the way forever with the formation of Oceania.

Who does the winner of the Oceania Confederation have to play against to get to the World Cup? The fourth, note fourth not the second or third, placed Asia country. Take that you pseudo Anglo Saxons!

How does Australia get to play the fourth AFC qualifier? They first have to beat Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Vanuatu, Kiribati and New Zealand. Great preparation isn't it?

Then Australia must spend a fortune running round the world trying to get some decent opposition to raise their standards.

Mr Hill, like it or not, Australia is part of the Oceania Football Confederation. Mr. Dempsey will remain its head for only a short while longer.

Bite your tongue and settle down for the long term best interests of Australian Soccer.

— Bob Brooks

Farewell & Thank You Captain Socceroo



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MATCH REPORTS

BRISBANE STAY TOP

South Melbourne 1

By DWYGH TUFFNELL

Brisbane Strikers 2

South Melbourne lost its second home game in a row when it fell 2-1 to Brisbane Strikers on a soggy Bob Jane Stadium on Sunday. Torrential rain for most of the day left the playing surface under water and nearly unplayable.

The Lakers got off to the worst possible start, having a controversial penalty awarded against them after just four minutes.

Andy Brayshaw swung in a cross from the right hand side that avoided all the players but referee Brett Hugo pointed to the spot to the amazement of the Lakers players.

Con Blatis was singled out by Hugo with a yellow card for holding onto Strikers player coach Frank Farina.

Veteran defender Alan Hunter calmly stroked the ball past Michael Petkovic to give the Strikers an early lead.

South coach Ange Postecoglou didn't see what the spot kick was for but Hugo pointed it out to him that Blatis had been holding on to Farina.

The goal shocked South Melbourne into action and they were level twenty minutes later.

Defender Nick Orlic claimed his second goal in as

many games when he just managed to scramble a shot over the line from a Jason Polak corner.

The Strikers notched the winning goal with 25 minutes to go.

Troy Cranney split the Lakers defence wide open with a terrific through ball to Kasey Wehrmann.

Wehrmann slipped the ball beyond Michael Petkovic to grab his second important goal this season.

Strikers' keeper Clint Bolton was called on to make a great save from a strong Vaughan Coveny free kick with ten minutes to go.



Brisbane's defence absorbed everything the Lakers could throw at them with Blatis and Coveny having shots cleared off the line in the dying minutes.

"We probably had 75% of the possession and created more opportunities," Postecoglou said.

The way the game was going, I didn't think they were

going to score...if anything I thought we were going to get a second goal."

Asked whether the penalty was a turning point in the match, Postecoglou said, "Something like that can be totally decisive on a day when things are always going to be a bit scrappy."

"To give away a penalty in the first three minutes is always going to make it hard."

"In a tight game like that with the conditions as horrible as they were, it's only going to take one or two things to sway the game."

Postecoglou admitted that the defeat places him under

Lakers: Petkovic, Orlic, Kuzmanovic, Blatis, Polak (Clarkson 71), Coveny, Trimboli, Spink (Damianos 72), Iosifidis, Curcija (Ailsopp 53), De Amicis.
Strikers: Bolton, Gwynne, Hunter, Phillips (Wright 60), Farina (Kuipe 78), S Cranney, Brown, T Cranney, Baitistin, Brayshaw, Wehrmann.

Scorers: Lakers - Orlic (24); Strikers - Hunter (4 pen), Wehrmann (66).
Yellow Cards: Lakers - Blatis (4); Strikers - Farina (18), Hunter (22), Wehrmann (40).
Referee: B Hugo.
Votes: 3-Hunter (Strikers), 2-Coveny (Lakers), 1-T Cranney (Strikers).
Crowd: 5,452

even more pressure to get results than he already was.

Strikers goal hero Wehrmann said after the game, "I thought it was really good team effort tonight, we

just toughed it out.

"It's hard to play in those conditions, you've just got to keep it simple, we had to defend in the last 15 minutes but we kept fighting on."

STEEL CITY CHALLENGE — DRAW

Wollongong Wolves 1

By PHIL MURPHY

Newcastle Breakers 0

The Wolves and the Breakers battled out a scoreless draw at Brandon Park on Sunday night but Breakers coach John Kosmina was quite satisfied with his team's weekend away.

After picking up a point in Canberra 48 hours earlier, Kosmina said it was always going to be a tough assignment.

He said Canberra and Wollongong were always difficult on their own grounds and he was quite happy with the two points.

"Tonight, we defended for most of the second half but still should have won the game," Kosmina said.

"We had the better scoring chances; my keeper had only

the one save to make."

The Wolves had a feast of possession, particularly after halftime but lacked ideas.

While it could be said their strikers failed to make any impression on the well organised Newcastle defence, their midfield play was very sloppy.

The passing was well below the standard set in previous games and at times they simply ran out of ideas.

Wolves coach Nick Theodorakopoulos said if his team were serious about going places this season they had to beat opposition like Newcastle.

"No disrespect to Newcastle but we do have three or four class players and I believe we are capable of

making the top six," the coach said.

"On that performance, we have to play a lot better."

Newcastle striker Clayton Zane went closest to breaking the deadlock in the first half, getting the better of Richard Lloyd before hitting the left post with his shot.

At the other end, Lloyd headed down a Sonny Sevin free kick but striker Nick Joseski just failed to get a touch right in front of goal.

Newcastle got behind the ball in numbers during the second half with Robbie Ironside organising things well.

Joseski had a header cleared off the line from a Sevin corner then Troy Halpin headed just wide of the

Wollongong goal from a Shane Pryce cross.

Newcastle goalkeeper Liam Baker made a fine save from a Sevin shot after defender Alvin Ceccoli made a brilliant run of more than 70m.

Just before the end, Jason Bennett scrambled the ball over the Wolves line from a David Lowe cross and referee Jim Markovski awarded a goal.

However, a linesman called the referee over and Wollongong were given a free kick for handball.

Ceccoli again had a strong game for the Wolves along with Sevin, while Ironside and Pryce stood out for the visitors.

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Sonny Sevin is making the Wolves from Gibraltar has a reputation.

Wollongong: Hughes, Ceccoli, Van Egmond, Horsley, Sevin, Reda (Niamovski 74), Perinich, Harlock, Joseski (Connelly 77), Lloyd, Surjan.

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Newcastle: Baker, Pryce, Sprod, Ironside, Thomas, Zane (Lowe 78), Halpin, McManus, Bennett, Austin, Sharpley.
Crowd: 3,484.
Referee: J Markovski.
Yellow cards: Newcastle - Austin (65).
POY Points: 3-Ceccoli (Wolves), 2-Sevin (Wolves), 1-Ironside (Breakers) 1.

GOALIE SAVES DAY FOR ZEBRAS

Melbourne Knights 0

By JOHN RIGAS

Adelaide City 0

Adelaide City and Soccerroo goalkeeper Jason Petkovic produced an outstanding performance to hold off a dominant Melbourne Knights in their Ericsson Cup clash at Knights Park.

Petkovic received rave reviews from the Knights coach, Ian Dobson, mentioning that Petkovic was incredible.

Petkovic's moment arrived one minute into the second-half when he fouled John Markovski in the box which resulted in a penalty.

Knights captain Andrew marth had his spotkick saved by the diving Petkovic.

Ten minutes into the game Melbourne made their intentions clear with four consecutive shots within a minute.

John Markovski, Tom Pondeljak, Lupo Lapsansky and Ransford Banini were denied by goal-line clearances and the woodwork.

Knights' attacking spree continued with Ice Kutlesovski doing the hard work by beating two Adelaide defenders only to spray his shot wide, two minutes later.

Pondeljak and Banini

combined well which resulted in the Zebras working overtime. Banini was dangerous when crossing the ball into the penalty box.

Petkovic continued to frustrate the Knights when he saved a Marth header which was goalbound from a Markovski cross in the 27th minute.

The nightmare continued for the visitors when captain Alex Tobin was stretched off when he clashed with Petkovic in an attempt to stop Kutlesovski who was motoring towards the ball.

Tobin earlier had to leave the ground as blood streamed down the side of his head. The incident resulted in Tobin having ten stitches.

The defender is in doubt for the game against Marconi next week according to coach John Nyskohus.

Knights youngster Joe Simunic provided more excitement for the home fans with an overhead kick that rolled past the post.

There were positive signs for the Knights with John Markovski looking good as his distribution of the ball found the feet of his team mates.

Knights: Knezevic, D Cervinski, Z Markovski, Marth, Simunic, Lapsansky, J Markovski (Trupkovic 70), Vojtek, T Pondeljak (Deak 83), Banini, Kutlesovski.
Adelaide: Petkovic, Armour, Yates, Ivanovic, Tobin (Barbaro 42), Costanzo, Hassell, Mennillo, Gibson, Brooks, Vershoor (Salapassidis 28).

Scorers: Nil.
Yellow Cards: Adelaide - Petkovic (46), Barbaro (67), Yates (83).
Referee: E Brazzale.
Crowd: Approx 3,455.
POY: 3-Petkovic (Adelaide), 2-Lapsansky (Knights), 1-Cervinski (Knights).

Dobson was pleased with the performance stating, "We created the chances but were unable to put them away I am not disappointed."

It is something Melbourne Knights have to work at if they are to destroy the opposition.

Questioning Dobson on the Joe Simunic affair the coach remarked he is a Knights



player until the end of the season, unless a team offers Melbourne a million dollars.

Adelaide City coach John Nyskohus said, "In the first half we were destroyed, we were lucky to be in the game, we

were not competitive at all."

Nyskohus praised the Melbourne Knights remarking, "If they play like this at home all the time they will win every game."

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MATCH REPORTS

GLORY HIT FOR SIX

Perth Glory

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By RICHARD KREIDER

Canberra Cosmos

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Perth Glory secured their second victory in as many weeks last Sunday, by hammering bottom side Canberra Cosmos last Sunday, by hammering bottom side Canberra Cosmos with a resounding 6-0 result before a crowd of 8,053 at Perth Oval - the weekends third largest attendance.

The win rocketed the Perth team into fifth placing after four rounds, and they are fully primed for next week's encounter at Victoria Park with the other Ericsson Cup newcomers, Collingwood Warriors.

It was an emphatic win for the Glory, one that Cosmos

midfielder, and recently retired Soccerroo captain Paul Wade, said was thoroughly deserved.

"We were not worthy of being on the same park as them. We didn't want the ball, and when we did, we simply gave it back to them."

"They didn't put us under any pressure at all," said Glory coach Gary Marocchi. "I thought our pace won't for us, especially through Dale Wingell and I knew if I could keep Paul (Wade) quiet, we would get something out of the match."

It was Vladimir Beretovac that tagged Wade successfully, and he also made

numerous penetrating raids into the Cosmos danger zone. His efforts however, were soured in the 77th minute when he received a red card for a clumsy second yellow card offence.

After just ten minutes, the visitors had a fair idea of what sort of day they were in line for, when Lachlan Armstrong limped off with an ankle injury that will need a medical check.

It took another eight minutes for the Glory to open the scoring, when Wingell crossed off the right to the head of Paul McVittie who powered home a quality header from eight metres.

The Perth club were two up on the half-hour when Bobby Despotovski tucked away a typical opportunist goal, then went even further ahead two minutes later when Wingell slotted home a Scott Miller centre.

Skipper Gareth Naven collected his first goal in the 67th minute from a perfect low level centre from Paul Strudwick, who initially looked to have run into an offside position.

Miller crowned a man-of-the-match performance with a superb solo goal in the 80th minute, then Despotovski netted his second and the season's fourth. Three minutes



Scott Miller: Man of the match for Perth.

Perth: Maras, Beretovac, C Naven, Baljusic, G Naven, Miller, McVittie, Strudwick (Kalogeracos 68), Despotovski, Ithier, Wingell (Wilkinson 81).
Canberra: Giannasca, Dee, Watson, Wade, Garcia (Mulin 71), Kelly (Rogic 56), Armstrong (Buljan 11), Wilson, Baxter, Koob, Mazis.
Scorers: Perth - McVittie (19), Despotovski (31, 87), Wingell (32), G Naven

from time amidst further cries of offside from the Canberra defence.
Ironically, the only players

Yellow Cards: Perth - Beretovac (28), Buljusic (83), Despotovski (83).
Canberra - Watson (13), Kelly (25), Mazis (57).
Red Cards: Perth - Beretovac (77).
Referee: B Panella.
Crowd: 8,053.
POY: 3-Miller (Perth), 2-Despotovski (Perth), 1-Watson (Canberra)

to have featured strongly for Canberra were those that had past links with the West, namely WA born Michael Garcia and defender Richard Watson, who previously played with Premier League club Sorrento.

OLYMPIC SHOOT DOWN FALCONS

UTS Olympic

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By JOHN ECONOMOS

Gippsland Falcons

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UTS Olympic following a sleepy scoreless first session, inexplicably exploded into a furious action-packed 10 minute frenzy early in the second half that yielded three spectacular goals that ultimately shot down Gippsland Falcons 3-0 last Sunday at Belmore Oval.

The win saw Olympic retain second spot, one point behind League leaders Brisbane Strikers.

Only the courageous and brilliant display of the Falcons' custodian Jimmy Kouritis, impeded a second half raging Olympic from opening the flood gates.

Spearheaded by a brace of goals from striker Norman Tome, in the 54th and 57th minutes, plus the extremely energetic off-the-ball running by Tome's strike-colleague and recently capped Australian international Kris Trajanovski who scored the first and set up the last of Olympic's goals, finally destroyed the lads from the

Latrobe Valley.

So furious was the second half form of Trajanovski and Tome, plus the lethal crossings rifled in from the left by the skilful Alistair Edwards, the Falcons' defence of Doug Marcina, Claudio Canosa, Steve Mangos, Nick Palamaras and Carlo Villani collapsed.

Adding salt to the Falcons' wounds and woes, referee Matthew Breeze red-carded their central-marker Mangos for a second bookable offence in the dying seconds of the match.

Breeze had previously carded Mangos nine minutes into the second half for a late tackle on Olympic's captain Dave Barrett, and booked him again well into stoppage time for kicking the ball away.

Despite a scoreless first session, Olympic lived dangerously in the opening three minutes having been forced to take the field minus four of their regular first team members. Scott Baillie, Peter

Tsekenis and Walter Ardone, plus Derek Poimer, all failed to start due to injuries or illness.

David Ratcliffe, Olympic's coach, boasted later, "We kicked off tonight with a 17 plus two 18 year olds, and later brought on another 18 year old teenager. But I felt that even then we stood off too much in the first half paying them too much respect. Their goalkeeper saved a great deal tonight."

As early as the 5th minute, the Billy Wright the Falcons' striker, dispossessed Olympic's sweeper Ivan Zelic. Wright promptly crossed to the left to his advanced defender Villani who should have drawn first blood from the back post, but his flat drive from an angle flashed inches wide of the far post.

In the 29th minute Olympic raided strongly through Brett Emerton who crossed from the right to the far post Trajanovski. But Trajanovski although on target with a

Sydney Olympic:
Bouhoustos: Bove, Barrett, Ciantar, Zelic (Gonzalez 82); Emerton (Augerinos 76), Blagojevic, Edwards:Tome, Saad (Meredith 33), Trajanovski.
Gippsland Falcons:
Kouritis; Marcina (Masi 46), Canosa, Mangos, Palamaras, Villani; Bell, Gimenez, Stergiopoulos (Gotson 81); Wright, Foy (Mitroulas 71).

crashing header was denied joy by a brilliant block from Falcons' flying goalkeeper Kouritis.

Four minutes later star striker Abbas Saad making his return for Olympic from Singapore, as well as from world wide suspension, limped off the pitch with an injury to be replaced by the robust and fiery midfielder Nick Meredith.

Two minutes after the break Olympic opened the score following a corner.

Scorers: Olympic: Trajanovski (47), Tome (54, 57).
Yellow Cards: Olympic: Meredith (75), Zelic (73), Gonzalez (85).
Falcons: Stergiopoulos (55), Masi (61), Mangos (54).
Red Card: Falcons - Mangos (93).
Referee: M Breeze.
Crowd: 7,128.
P.O.Y: 3-Kouritis (Falcons), 2-Tome (Olympic), 1-Trajanovski (Olympic).

Youth international attacking midfielder Emerton slicing in on the near post, cleverly flicked the ball behind him for goal-ace Trajanovski to slam on the turn and into the target.

In the 54th minute Olympic's left midfielder Alistair Edwards streaked away on a 60 metre raid before crossing with geometric precision into the Falcons' box for striker Tome to strongly head into the target the first of his brace.

WARRIORS MARCH ON

By PETER KRUPKA - AAP

West Adelaide

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Collingwood Warriors

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Two goals by Collingwood's Rick Cerracchio and a stunning display by goalkeeper Frank Juric helped the Ericsson Cup newcomers to a 2-1 victory over West Adelaide at the Hindmarsh Stadium.

The win kept Collingwood's unbeaten run alive and gave coach Zoran Matic an ideal return to Hindmarsh.

West paid the ultimate price for leaving Cerracchio, on loan to the Warriors from Adelaide state league club Campbelltown, alone in the penalty area twice with the midfielder scoring with a header in the 24th minute and a volley in the 69th.

The Warriors came from behind after West Adelaide defender Robbie Slager used his giant frame to force home a header following a well taken corner from Jamie Perin

in the 22nd minute. The corner floated unchallenged across the goal area allowing Alex Castro to hook it back into the goalmouth where Slager fired into the top of the net, but West's joy was short lived.

Having shrugged off his marker, Cerracchio headed a perfect corner from John Waddell past Sharks' goalkeeper Michael Harkness.

He volleyed the winner in after West cleared a deep Collingwood cross only as far as the unmarked midfielder.

The two chances were Collingwood's only real assault on the West goal in the match with the newcomers left to thank Olyroo 'keeper Frank Juric for the victory.

West Adelaide:
Harkness, Thorp, Perin, Slager, Hooker, Alagich, Castro, Cardozo, Day, Tsekinis (Borghetto 77), Artone (Cutillo 66).
Collingwood: Juric, Fak, Jolevski, Waddell, Scott, Cerracchio, Boutsianis (MacNicol 66), Tapai, Taldidra, Vlahos, Taldidros.

into his path.

He was given a clear run at Juric but his attempt to slot the ball past the 'keeper was brilliantly pushed wide of the post.

Early in the second half Day rounded Waddell but his powerful shot at goal was held by the Warriors custodian.

Day looked certain to score in the final minute when he bustled his way through the Collingwood defence only to be denied by another miracle

Scorers: West Adelaide - Slater (22); Collingwood - Cerracchio (24, 68).
Yellow Cards: West Adelaide - Day (62); Collingwood - Tapai (90).
Referee: G Connelly.
Crowd: 5,611.
POY: 3-Juric (Warriors), 2-Day (Sharks), 1-Cerracchio (Warriors).

finger tip save by Juric.

West charged at the Collingwood defence through the match and had them unsettled at set pieces with substitute Andrew Borghetto having a shot at goal cleared off the line eight minutes from time.

Jim Tsekinis hit the cross bar after Collingwood failed to clear a corner while Castro and Robbie Hooker tested Juric with long range shots but were denied.



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CONFEDERATIONS CUP GREAT VALUE

Dear Sir,
Suddenly the possibilities of the Confederations Cup are starting to register.

When I first pointed out the value of the Confederations Cup to Oz Soccer, in this paper some time ago, it was greeted with the usual indifference.

It would now appear the Confederations Cup has even more to offer Oz soccer than ever realised.

Also as it now transpires it was indeed fortunate that David Hill's reckless and futile effort to scuttle the

Oceania Confederation failed.

No doubt if the Confederations Cup proves successful for Oz soccer "master" David Hill will be quick to take the credit, assuming he is still involved.

You never know with all those frequent flyer points he is amassing, maybe the temptation will be too great and he will bid Oz soccer farewell "bon voyage" here's hoping anyway.

R. Melor,
BONDI, NSW.

POLL UNFAIR TO COACHES

Dear Sir,
Like many other round ball game followers (Football as it is known world wide) I am extremely interested in all the hype over Eddie Thomson's successor.

Whilst everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, I would like to know on whose authority or what made Kyle Paterson come up with the idea of running a viewers poll based on three coaches and an overseas choice.

I watch "On the Ball"

regularly, and I was shocked when that segment came on air.

If we are going to have the pick of Blanco, Culina, Matic then why leave others out.

I feel this is terribly unfair to other coaches here and abroad whose credentials are just as good if not better than the ones mentioned.

All we can now hope for is for Messrs Hill & Co. make the right choice.

Ron Novello,
LITTLE BAY NSW.



Dear Sir,
Surprise, surprise Joe Simunic finds Croatia a better place to be rather than playing with Australia's national team. What's new, neither the Melbourne Knights or Sydney United have ever been interested in Australian Soccer.

Take Sydney, every time you see them play on TV right on half way is the sign that says Croatian Sports Centre, they go on a pre-season tour guess where? Some weeks ago in your newspaper they advertised for youth trials.

The advertisement had "Hadjuk" displayed in large letters along with the address maybe someone could translate for the non Croatian members of our community.

David Hill is just being vindicated in his clean up of the game's image. He and his team have done more for Soccer in the last twelve

months than the last lot did in twenty years. Mr Hill also gets regular criticism for not providing free to air TV of matches, he is unable to as the contract with SBS runs till the next World Cup. This contract having been drawn up long before he came to power.

The contract probably covers all NSL matches and National Team games but not The True Blues v The Travellers matches which were shown on Channel Nine. Could you imagine the uproar from Mr Hill's detractors if the contract was broken and Soccer Australia was drawn through the courts like Super League.

Just keep shooting Mr Hill I like your Strike Rate.

M. Meyer,
ORMEAU, QLD.

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TRAINS PROVIDE EXCITEMENT AT BELMORE

Dear Sir,

Being a disgruntled Rugby League supporter and seeking a code of football worth watching, I have over the last few years watched teams such as Apia play at Concord Oval and Lambert Park.

Olympic play at St. George Stadium and Leichhardt Oval. Giving the code of soccer one more try in the quest to see an exciting and entertaining game I thought Olympic at Belmore Sports Ground, "Home of the Bulldogs" and a professional venue may bring out the best both in administration and quality of the game.

Life is full of disappointments! After queuing at one of the most comfortable buildings for a considerable time to buy a

ticket, I then had to queue to hand my ticket in at the turnstile. Once inside the gates I again had to queue to buy another ticket to gain entry into the grandstand.

The game was one of the worst I have seen. Being the start of the season the players and the referee must have been running out of puff because the referee would stop the play at regular intervals for, it would, seem very little reason.

The crowd got a big thrill out of the trains going past on their way to Belmore station from Campsie and when they blew their whistle it nearly brought the crowd undone.

Had they left the Rugby League posts in position 100 goals would have been scored over the crossbar and between

the flags counting for two points a goal not just one, (had there been any shots on goal).

Being a masochist I bought your paper (Oct. 22 issue) to find out next week's fixtures, what a relief to find your "Next Weeks Fixtures" moved from the back page, (where it's easily found) to page 11 in a much more economical space and you informing us of teams, dates, and times for four fixtures but no venues!

Thank you for saving me from another enjoyable night at the Soccer.

Soccer has, and will remain, a minor code in this country unless it is presented to the public in a more professional manner.

C. N. Sheldrick,
CONCORD WEST, NSW.

CARBONE BACK IN PERTH, MR. JONES

Dear Sir,

After reading the 'Weird and Wonderful' columns of issues 793 and 796, I'm forced to write asking if the author knows what he's writing about — I don't think he does.

Fact No. 1 (from issue 793), the author, Stuart Jones, stated that a certain Derek Dooley lost a leg following a tackle by an Aussie lad way back in the 1930s.

The truth is that Dooley's tragic accident happened on St Valentine's Day in 1953, and

not in the 1930s.

Secondly, Dooley collided with the Preston North End goalkeeper, George Thompson, born at Maltby, England — not with an Aussie.

I had the good fortune of having a lengthy talk with Dooley when he came to Australia with the Sheffield United team a few years ago.

Fact No. 2 (from issue 796), the author reports that Aussie Anthony Carbone is in Nottingham Forest's youth

team — not so!

Carbone was given a free transfer and he returned to his home in Perth just over six months ago.

I find it disappointing that many of today's soccer scribes do not have the knowledge of our wonderful sport — and that includes Stuart Jones.

It would be appreciated if you can pass this letter on to Mr Jones.

Russell Whitson,
KINGSLEY, WA.

Further culling in NSW?

Dear Sir,

Since the culling of several teams from the Super League NSW competition, rumours have it that this will continue next season.

So clubs thinking Rockdale, Warringah and Illawarra were unlucky had better not count their blessings just right now.

It appears that Soccer NSW with the introduction of Sydney United have further intentions to include more Ericsson Cup sides into its Super League Competition.

Inside information has it that UTS Olympic is

seeking inclusion, which may come at the expense of Bankstown City. Further to follow may be Newcastle for Adamstown, Wollongong for the vacated Illawarra and Marconi, putting under threat teams within Marconi's junior regions.

It may all sound like a grand plan, but what guarantee, that supporters of these Ericsson Cup clubs will follow their teams 12 months of every year, summer and winter? I don't think they will, losing NSW Soccer followers from the clubs in the firing line.

All that can be clearly

assumed by the events so far is that the clubs that survived the chop should watch their backs.

It's not all over yet boys, in fact it has just begun.

T. Golding,
HURSTVILLE, NSW.



"Gonnaaaal..."

Parramatta Eagles achieve much

Dear Sir,

I am writing to commend Parramatta Eagles on their recent success. It took a great amount of courage and determination for them to go as far as they did.

With wins in both the Reserve and Senior Super League Grand Finals, and to make it to the Waratah Cup Final where on their way there, they defeated NSL teams Wollongong Wolves and more importantly, UTS Olympic.

I would also like to

mention the success of the Eagles' youth development. With all Super Youth grades making the Semi-Finals and both the 13s and 16s winning their respective Grand Finals. Also, Eagles 'Colts' won their competition. So I ask you Mr. Hill, Mr. Wran and Mr. Negus, haven't the Eagles proven to you all that they are in the same class as the NSL teams and deserve to be in the Ericsson Cup?

R. D. Borg,
PROSPECT, NSW.

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Australia comfortably qualify in Canberra

By TED SIMMONS

Striker Kris Trajanovski's hat-trick booted Australia to another overwhelming victory against Tahiti to complete a clean sweep in the Oceania Nations Cup Final at Bruce Stadium on Friday night.

The 5-0 win followed an equally devastating 6-0 success in the first leg at Papeete the previous Sunday and qualified Australia for the rich Confederation Cup Finals Series in Saudi Arabia next year.

Trajanovski, who collected four goals in succession in the first match, was on target twice in the first half as the Socceroos swept to a 4-0 half-time lead.

Long serving skipper Paul Wade was given a special welcome by the crowd as he led Australia onto the field for the last time after announcing his retirement from international football earlier in the week.

And he was awarded an even bigger round of applause when he emotionally left the field in the 66th minute.

Wade was the first player

to test the Tahiti defence when he lifted the ball over the bar in the third minute.

Tahiti were quick to counter and only the agility of keeper Zeljko Kalac blocked a quick running effort from Tehina Tahitotera.

But the Socceroos were too fast and too skilled for their Oceania opponents and Wade was the spark to put the Australians in front.

His 13th minute pass found Trajanovski. He cut the ball to unmarked defender Robbie Hooker who opened the score.

Speedy midfielder Ernie Tapai gave an indication of what was to come when he hit the post after a weaving run and hit the same upright 30 seconds later.

Trajanovski showed why he was rated so highly by his UTS Olympic coach, David Ratcliffe with unstoppable goals in the 22nd and 38th minutes, split by a quick thinking shot from Paul Trimboli which deflected off defender Rupena Raumati into the net.

The striker completed his hat-trick nine minutes into the second half and was then



Zeljko Kalac: Called on to deny Tahitotera of Tahiti.

replaced by Warren Spink.

"It was important for us to win and we tried to pressure Tahiti a lot," said acting

Socceroo coach Raul Blanco.

"In the two weeks together, our understanding has become better and there was an

improved showing by all the members of the team."

Wade admitted at the post-match press conference that he

Australia: Kalac, Bingley, Tobin, Ivanovic, Popovic, Hooker, Tapai, Wade (Polak 59), Foster (Enes 76), Trajanovski (Spink 57), Trimboli.

Tahiti: Laurent, Etaeta, Ludivion, Teura, Appriou, Tahitotera, Wong, Raumati (Tuairau 46), Termari, Aurua, Rousseau (Maheanuu 59).

Scorers: Australia - Hooker (13), Trajanovski (22, 37, 54), Raumati (OG 31).

Yellow cards: Nil.

Referee: I. Shah (Fiji).

Crowd: 9,421.

had been emotionally affected by his finale.

"There were definitely tears in my eyes. I promised I wouldn't cry but I couldn't help it. It was the longest walk back off the field that I've ever had," he said.

Tahiti assistant coach Eric Henry said the cool Canberra

weather was a major factor in their loss as well as the professional approach by the Australians.

He added the games were important to Tahiti to show their administration that they have to take preparation of the national team more seriously.



Wade led the opening in Canberra against Tahiti.



Paul Wade gave a remarkable and warm farewell to the crowd in his final international.



(L to R) Kris Trajanovski, Paul Wade and Raul Blanco: The ace Scorer, former Australian Captain, acting Socceroo Coach.

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AROUND THE CLUBS



LOZANOVSKI INJURY MAY BE MORE SERIOUS

BY DWIGHT TUFFNELL

Coach Zoran Matic is the favourite with just about everyone involved in the game to take the vacant Socceroos position.

Rival coaches, an SBS phone poll, even his club president say he is the only man for the job.

Matic has described the thought of being Australia's coach as a "dream come true."

It is believed that if Matic secures the job, his role at Collingwood will be one of a part time capacity.

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that there is only one single guy to do the job - no one else," said Gippsland Falcons coach Frank Arok in support of Matic.

"Maybe in four or five years time the new generation will be able to do it but at the moment if you go through every coach in the country, there is absolutely no one else."

"He is without any real opposition."

The injury to Goran Lozanovski may be more serious than first thought.

Matic says that they were awaiting results of a bone scan done on Thursday.

It is believed that the

Socceroo star has a suspected fractured ankle.

The loss of Lozanovski, one of the Warriors key players, would be devastating to the fledgling side as he could be sidelined for a number of weeks.

The Warriors import from Ukraine, Alex Pryhodko, will not arrive in Australia until some time this week.

Pryhodko, a stopper who has first division experience in the Ukrainian league, is awaiting the results of a medical examination.

The Warriors had a similar experience with Maxim Chetlov, a player who came from Russia but crossed over to South Melbourne after he was not wanted by Collingwood.

Chetlov who was apparently a regular with Torpedo Moscow in the Russian first division, didn't make it at South Melbourne either and has since returned to Russia.

"He was recommended to me by one of my contacts, but I haven't seen him play."

"You don't know about these players, the Russian we had (Chetlov) wasn't good enough and is now back in Russia," concluded Matic.



Erin Tapak: More serious than first thought, Lozanovski's injury.

Disappointing crowds down in Gippsland

BY DWIGHT TUFFNELL

There are growing concerns for the future of Gippsland Falcons after a disappointing home crowd turned up for the game against Marconi Fairfield.

In some sections of the media it was reported that only 900 people attended the game even though the official crowd was 2,360.

Crowds have been dropping off alarmingly at Falcons Park in the last year or so.

If the 900 figure is correct, then it is nearly 3,000 less than the same fixture drew last season.

The Falcons have been under scrutiny from Soccer Australia since last season for this very reason.

With a spot having to be found for the AFL backed Carlton soccer club next season, it could be the Falcons who make way.

It seems as if everything from cold weather and weddings have been blamed for decreasing attendances.

In the early years of their Ericsson Cup lives, the Falcons regularly had crowds of 5,000 and upwards even though the club's facilities were widely criticised by visiting teams, particularly coaches.

Although the Falcons got their act together off the park (including the addition of the



Marcus Stergachis: His team can't attract crowds.

magnificent Don Di Fabrizio stand), the team was competitive but never threatened to take the league by storm.

The Falcons were (and still are) the only club in any sport to be in a national competition in the Gippsland area. The Falcons are also the biggest sporting club east of Melbourne.

Winning is one way to get more people to the games, that's obvious, but it appears they need more.

Even when the Falcons were on a roll at the start of the last season, the crowds were average at best.

The opening round game against South Melbourne is usually the best attended.

But that could only draw 3,235, a far cry from the time the Falcons set their ground record with a crowd of well over 8,000.

With the upcoming home games against West Adelaide and Canberra Cosmos, the situation is unlikely to improve quickly.

But something has to be done to bring back the crowds that once flocked to Falcons Park, the supporter base is there it's just a matter of enticing them back.

As Rolf Lamb, team Manager says, "We get good local media coverage but no matter what we try we don't seem to be able to attract people out of their homes."

Dobson claims specialist striker not needed

BY DWIGHT TUFFNELL

The trial of Chamu Musanhu will be extended for a little while yet. Musanhu, a Zimbabwe international defender, played in last Sunday's friendly match against Sydney United.

Coach Ian Dobson intends to have a better look at Musanhu before making a decision.

The decision will be based on what price his club in Zimbabwe, Dynamos F.C. are asking for him.

The loss of star players still has many of the Knights fans up in arms.

Coach Ian Dobson says to forget about the likes of Frank Juric and Fausto De Amicis.

"We've got to go on," says Dobson.

"We can't keep reminiscing about Juric or De Amicis."

"Obviously you're going to miss quality players, but other players can learn the position and take it on."

Although it was not his idea to let these players go, he still believes he has the players to fill the positions.

"It was a club decision and there was nothing I could do

about it.

"I can only support the club and work with the players I've got and that's what I'm prepared to do."

"The Knights don't need another quality striker following the loss of Socceroo Joe Spiteri according to Dobson."

"Goalscoring with any team is a problem."

"What we try to do is get people forward into the box, you can't rely on the attackers to score the goals."

"John Markovski is setting things up, so someone's got to take his place in the box."

Adrian Cervinski, who is expected to be fit in three or four weeks, will increase the competition for places.

A fit Ollie Pondeljak, John Markovski, Ico Kutlesovski and youngster Mijo Trupkovic will all battle for a place with Cervinski.

Jorge Portillo is an international health and fitness professional.

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Jorge has fourteen years

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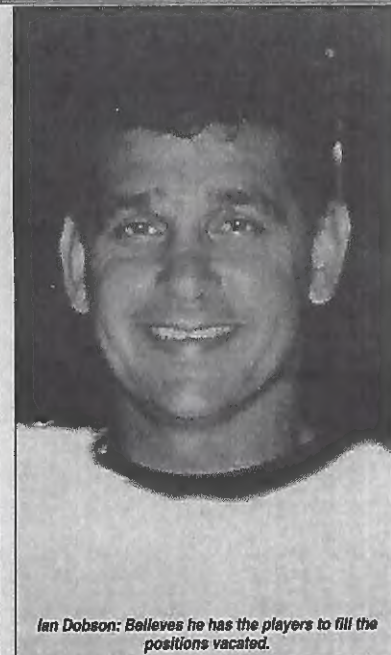
Jorge offers a wide range of services, available to individuals or clubs. These include nutrition advice, weight control, injury prevention programs and fitness testing.

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Metis setting up



Ian Dobson: Believes he has the players to fill the positions vacated.



AROUND THE CLUBS



SPORTS WORK TOGETHER IN NEWCASTLE

By DANE SKAFTE

Three of Newcastle sporting sides have joined together to release a joint ticket package for the 1997 sporting season.

Newcastle Topper Breakers, Hunter Mariners and Newcastle Falcons are offering two free tickets to one of their matches to people buying Breakers, Falcons or Mariners season tickets.

The Breakers Media Officer, Shane Johnson, said the package was a great way to introduce fans to the different sports.

"This will benefit the whole of the Newcastle sporting public."

"Both the Falcons and Mariners are winter sports and we are a summer sport."

"So we are not competing in any shape or form," Johnson concluded.

The Breakers have season tickets available for \$96.00 with 10 of the 13 home matches still to play.

Newcastle's basketball team, the Falcons will release their season tickets for sale soon at \$199.00 Adults, \$149.00 Concession.

Hunter Mariners Rugby League Club have helped the Newcastle Breakers by renovating several areas of the Breakers Stadium according to Mariners Publicity Officer Michael Hagan.

"Both the Mariners and the Breakers will greatly benefit from the work that has gone into the ground," Hagan said.

"We have lengthened the field, adding on more reserve seating as well as building more dressing rooms and adding on a press box."

The season tickets cost \$230.00 (Main Stand), \$210.00 (Western Stand) and for a family of four \$380.00.

on the concourse.

Breakers Captain David Lowe returned to the Newcastle line up last week after having been included in the 16 man squad to play against Canberra and Wollongong City.

Lowe has been out with a hamstring injury since the opening round against West Adelaide over three weeks ago.

Breakers defender Andy Roberts has been overlooked so far this season, playing in his usual place on the park have been younger players.

Roberts has only played in one match to date, when he was called up by Coach John Kosmina to play against Brisbane in the youth match.

"Kosmina told me at the start of the season he would be giving the younger blokes a go this season," Roberts said.

"I am just waiting for my opportunity to get back in the



main squad."

The 26 year old played 23 games last season. He was a major contributor in his defensive role.

"It has been a bit hard to take, but my chance will surely come," the optimistic Roberts concluded.

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"Good things come in little parcels"

By RICHARD KREIDER

Inglewood Falcons diminutive skipper Norrie Sutton, became the sixth player in WA since 1960 to win a second Premier League Fairest & Best award, when the Quill Medal was placed around his neck at the Novotel Langley Hotel last Friday night.

When asked how this win differed in comparison to the 1982 award, Sutton quipped "I was six foot tall then".

The midfield dynamo, who guided the Falcons to their first ever Premier League title, first clinched the Rothmans Gold Medal in 1982 as a 22 year old (again with the Inglewood club) in his first year in WA, after previously featuring with Eastern in Hong Kong. It was also a second time the Scottish born player had won by three points. He finished ahead of Morley Windmills midfielder Danny Kuzmanovich fourteen years ago, while scoring

sensation Robert Perazza from the Bayswater City Panthers club was runners-up this time around despite missing much of the second half of the season with a leg injury. Perazza, however, was still able to win the goalkeepers award with a bag of 19 goals.

Stirling Macedonia defender Andy Wright came third on 13 points, one ahead of Floreat Athena's Doug Ithier who was ineligible to win after being sent off during the season.

Perth striker Peter Coci and team mate Allan Pottier came equal fifth a further point back, followed by Sorrento forward Neil Blunt on nine points.

Theo Paap is the most successful F & B recipient since the start of the WA Soccer Federation, with four wins (1964, 67-jointly, 68, 70), Peter Atkinson (1961, 62), Mike Ireson (1966, 67), Lee Adam (1978, 80) and Jeff Curran (1988, 89) are the



Norrie Sutton: Second Best and fairest award in this dynasty.

other players to win the State's most prestigious award more than once.

Stirling stopper Tom Farrell was selected as the Rookie of the Year, while the Goalkeeper of the Year award went to Ron More of the Inglewood club, who won despite coming in for Darren Goldsworthy virtually mid-way through the season.

FORMER ADELAIDE COACHES VYING FOR NATIONAL POSITION

By LANCE LIBRANDI

Interestingly, the feeling and interest around Adelaide last week leading up to the West Adelaide versus Collingwood game was somewhat akin to that of the local derbies. The Warriors, of course, have a sizeable South Australian connection. Ex-Adelaide City players Goran Lozanovski, Carlo Talladira and Ernie Tapai, are this year playing for the new Melbourne outfit, as is former Shark Alan Scott. Add to that list SA State League defender Rick Cerrachio, Con Boutisianis who trialled with City and long-serving Zebra coach Zoran Matic, and the extent of the ties with Adelaide become obvious, and no doubt fuelled the interest in Collingwood's first visit to Hindmarsh Stadium for premiership points.

Soccer Australia's compensation tribunal will hear the case between Adelaide City and Collingwood this Wednesday regarding the disputed transfer of Olyroo, Goran Lozanovski. Collingwood are trying to obtain a free transfer for the talented midfielder, stating the Zebras had not finalised a renewal contract by the stipulated deadline. City claims it had instigated negotiations prior to Lozanovski's trip to Atlanta, and want fair compensation

for the loss of a player of his calibre. This situation brings back memories of the Jason Polak transfer 12 months ago. But there is a difference as Polak was as the time an unrequired player at South Melbourne.

Shark defender Hamilton Thorp has been receiving accolades for his recent strong performances, capped by two goals in round 3 against Canberra. This lesser-known young player has been in and out of the West starting line-up over the last season or so, and is now taking the step up to stake a claim for a regular first team spot. His dangerous runs have also helped cover the temporary absence in midfield of injury regulars Ross Aloisi and Branko Milosevic. Former coach Raul Blanco recognised his ability and has predicted Thorp will eventually play for Australia.

Adelaide City has again been frustrated in their attempts to recruit new players to add to their squad. The latest knock-back was from Marconi midfielder Enc Hristodolou, who is struggling to win a starting berth with the Fairfields. The Zebras approached the 26 year old, knowing the size of Marconi's player list would make this a tough season for him, and offered a contract. Whilst the terms were favourable, and the Stallions were willing to negotiate, Hristodolou decided



Raul Blanco, former Adelaide City coach, as a Marconi coach.

to stay in Sydney. He cited personal and family reasons for not moving to Adelaide, and wanted to try and break into the star-studded Marconi team on his own merits.

The Zebras visit to Knights Park last weekend would normally have been viewed as the clash of the finalists on past year's history. This season is a totally different matter with both teams severely depleted by key player departures. Both clubs may struggle to even make the finals this year as they go through a rebuilding stage. Their demanding supporters will need to be patient.

SA youngsters Kostas Salapsidis and Michael Phione (City) and Reshat Mezensof (West) are members of the Soccerroo Youth squad who will play a one-off game against South Africa next Saturday. The game is a curtain-raiser for the World Cup qualifier between South Africa and Zaire at



John Nyskohus, Adelaide City coach, in a South African national team kit.

Johannesburg's National Stadium, and a crowd of 60,000 is expected. Quite an experience for these star players of the future.

With the departure of Eddie Thomson to greener Japanese pastures, and the timely retirement of Soccerroo skipper Paul Wade, the doors are now open for even heavier South Australian involvement in the national arena. Zoran Matic is currently favoured to take over from Thomson, with a recent SBS poll and most Ericsson Cup coaches backing the Collingwood supremo. In Adelaide, John Nyskohus has endorsed Matic, but Adrian Santrac feels the 15 years of international experience makes Raul Blanco a better first choice. Also there is a distinct possibility that City captain Alex Tobin will carry his captain's arm-band into future national fixtures. He has expressed his interest, and would surely be a front-runner if selectors decide to go with an Australian based player.

De Marigny family about to increase

Jean-Paul de Marigny, the Stallions 32 year old defender and his wife Donna, were due to add another child to their family. They already have two daughters, so a son would be nice but not essential.

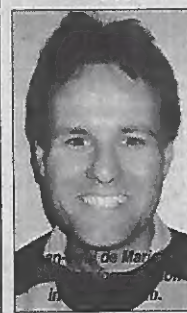
De Marigny originally came to Australia from Mauritius in the 1980s to join Sydney City. City were then the top team in Australia but had very low crowds. They folded when the Hakoah Club withdrew its support.

A spell at APIA followed when that Club was in the National League.

Moving on to Bossley Park proved a successful shift for de Marigny. He has played 184 Ericsson Cup games for Marconi with 299 in total at the top level for his three clubs.

Jean-Paul has worn the Green and Gold for his adopted country with great pride.

De Marigny joined the



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AROUND THE CLUBS



Lakers & Swans Co-operation close

By DWYGH TUFFNELL

The Lakers are hoping that by Christmas time, a strong link will be established between themselves and the Sydney Swans Football Club.

The Swans Chief Executive Officer, Kelvin Templeton, has been down to Bob Jane Stadium to look over the facilities the Lakers are offering.

"We've had three meetings and the discussions are travelling well," said Lakers marketing manager Barry Horsfall.

South are offering their facilities to the Swans Melbourne based operation.

The Swans will have access to the social, administration and training facilities.

The clubs will look at a joint membership package for both sets of supporters that will enable them to take in each others games, but the association is in no way an amalgamation.

"After their success in the season just gone, the Swans have big plans in place for increasing their membership," Horsfall said.

"Where better to go than to return to their old stamping ground?"

Striker Ivan Kelic will arrive back at the Bob Jane Stadium this week after a stint in Singapore.

With Kelic back, competition for places at South will be hot with the Young Socceroos quartet back from duties in South America and South Africa.

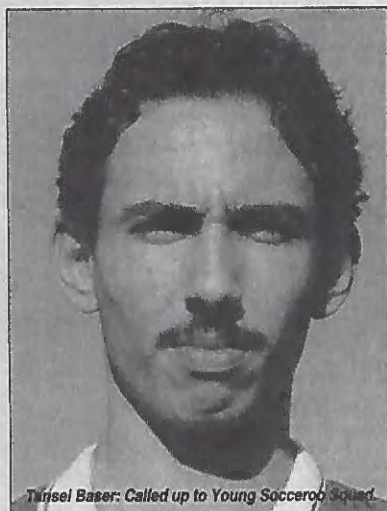
The Lakers Young Socceroos stole the show in South America.

Michael Curcija, Daniel Allsopp, Con Blatis and Bill Damianos combined to score 15 of the 18 goals that the side scored on the tour. Curcija, finished as the team's top scorer with seven goals.

After coming back into the squad for the home game against Brisbane Strikers, they will leave the day after for a one off game against South Africa and miss the away game with Wollongong City.

Although Allsopp is not going, the Lakers still have four in the squad with Tansell Baser being called up.

The Young Socceroos have a hectic schedule in preparation



Tansell Baser: Called up to Young Socceroo Squad.

for the 1997 World Youth Championships and the Lakers expect these five players to be missing regularly.

And with Paul Trimboli,

Warren Spink and Jason Polak in the Socceroo set up, the club feels it needs a big squad of 24 players to cope with these demands.

KRIS' SEVEN GOALS FOR OLYMPIC

By JOHN ECONOMOS & JOEDE ROGERS

Kris Trajanovski, UTS Olympic's 24 year old dynamic goal-ace and former World Youth Championship international (Portugal), instantly paid back former Australian coach Eddie Thomson in a huge way for drafting him into the national squad for Australia's two recent qualifying Confederation Cup matches against Tahiti.

In his first two outings for Australia's senior team, Kris has nailed in an unbelievable seven goals to open his account for the Green and Gold.

In the first leg in Papeete, 'Traja', last season's winner of the ABSW Player Of The Year Award, making his senior debut, fired in four spectacular goals in Australia's 6-0 annihilation of Tahiti, ultimately sending their goalkeeper to seek the services of a chiropractor.

Last Friday night in the return leg at Canberra's Bruce Stadium, the Tahiti goalkeeper, Larent was horrified to see that Australia had again selected 'that man' Trajanovski in the attack line.

By the 22nd minute Trajanovski doubled the scoreline and in the 37th and 54th minutes 'Traja' had forced the Tahitian goalkeeper to reluctantly bend down three times to retrieve the ball from the back of the net as Australia cruised to a 5-0 final scoreline.

When ABSW approached the plegmatic Kris after the match, he shyly stated, "It's a very nice feeling. I feel really good and for the national side."

"I believe Australia played extremely well in the first half (second leg in Canberra), as



Trajanovski: Seven goals for Australia in his first two games.

we repeatedly created many opportunities which I gratefully took.

"I should have scored another one in the first half but their 'keeper made a great save."

"For me it was a fabulous experience and a very great honour in being able to play in Paul Wade's last match for Australia," ended the humble Trajanovski, Olympic's top goalscorer to date this season, as he was last season.

Coach David Ratcliffe was delighted with Trajanovski and added that for the first time in a number of years UTS have supplied the most number of Socceroos, in the starting eleven against Tahiti. In the first leg, Milan Blagojevic, Alistair Edwards as well as Trajanovski all started.

Three Young Socceroos going to South Africa who have come up through the Olympic youth ranks they are Ivan Zelic, Brett Emerton and Carlos Gonzales.

Abbas Saad made his return for Olympic in the youth squad against Marconi two Sundays ago. Saad scored their first goal and had a number of other chances.

His much hailed return in the first grade squad against Gippsland Falcons was marred when he limped off the field with an injury in the 33rd minute.

Olympic have signed an exclusive boot deal with the sportswear giant ASICS.

Every Olympic player with the exception of two, who are already contracted, will now wear ASICS boots.

Laurie McKinnon the Football Director of ASICS and an ex NSL star said,

"Players such as Trajanovski scoring goals and Blagojevic spraying 40 metre passes will ensure that young players will want to wear a quality boot such as ours."

Farina — Wade went too long

By GLENN DAVIS

The decision by Captain Socceroo, Paul Wade, to quit wearing the green and gold for Australia last week came three years too late, according to former teammate and Brisbane Strikers' player coach Frank Farina.

Farina, speaking in a newspaper column, said Wade's decision came "not a minute too soon".

Wade, Australian Soccer's most capped player, last week made the toughest decision of his life to step down from international football, only weeks after national coach Eddie Thomson handed in his Socceroo badge to head overseas to coach in the J League in Japan.

Farina said Wade had done a fantastic job at the helm of Australian Soccer, but he was amazed how Thomson continued to select him when there were better players around.

"I don't know if Thomson was driven by some misguided sense of loyalty, but it became bit of a joke when our Captain Socceroo was given a free transfer from Heidelberg and no club really

wanted him, until Canberra stepped in," Farina said in his column.

Farina believes Wade was given a gentle push to go, as a new coach on the horizon wouldn't want him as part of his plans.

Farina expects Alex Tobin to be the stand-in skipper in the interim, until Paul Okon returns to national duties for the start of the 1998 World Cup campaign.

"Meanwhile Farina also went into bat for SA chairman David Hill's views that Australia should be playing in Asia and not Oceania.

"Australia always will be top dogs in Oceania and only the most loyal fans will roll up to watch us thrash teams like Tahiti and Fiji," Farina said.

"And you can only count on the Kiwis flunking a win once every ten years."

Farina said playing in Asia would improve the standard of the national side, while extra revenue will be generated playing against nations like Saudi Arabia, Japan and South Korea.

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Frank Farina: Believes Paul Wade went on too long for Australia.

KNIGHTS TO FOLLOW 'STALLIONS' TO THE SLAUGHTER?

By HENRY WIZGIER

Sydney United's deferred 3rd Round match against arch-rivals Melbourne Knights will kick off at 7.30 on Wednesday night (6th), and could we be seeing the reigning champions versus their successors? A good crowd is expected at the Sydney United Sports Centre.

Following Saturday's most impressive mauling of their neighbours at Bossley Park, the Pumas confidence is sky-high and three more points off the Melbourneans who are a mere shadow of last season,

could see the Sydneysiders leap to the very top of the Ericsson ladder. Aytec Genc is set for a return to the squad while Robert Enes is expected to pass fit after receiving some heavy bruising against Marconi.

Manis Lomond is back at Edensor Park after his Malaysian 'sojourn', strengthening even more what is the already the Ericsson league's largest squad.

Club Spokesman Ivan Blazovic informed ABSW that the Waratah Cup win had given United a 'taste' of success. The feelings at

Edensor Park is that this is the strongest squad for a long time and has been put together carefully and painstakingly with the long battle for the Ericsson Cup ahead in mind. "Matches are won by teams but Championships are won by squads," said Blazovic.

An echo of words that may have come from places like Old Trafford or the San Siro.

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ERICSSON CUP



RESULTS AND SCORERS ROUND FOUR

Canberra Cosmos (Dee 89) Newcastle Breakers (Zane 74) Crowd: 9,421	1	1	☆☆☆	West Adelaide (Slager 21) Collingwood Warriors (Cerracchio 24, 68) Crowd: 5,611	1	2
Marconi Fairfield Sydney United (Zdrilic 49, Moric 51, Cvetko 84) Crowd: 8,952	0	3	☆☆☆	Perth Glory (McVittie 19, Despotovski 31, 87, Wingell 32, G Naven 67, Miller 80) Canberra Cosmos Crowd: 8,053	0	6
South Melbourne (Orlic 24) Brisbane Strikers (Hunter 4 pen, Wehrman 66) Crowd: 5,452	1	2	☆☆☆		3	0
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**ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR
ROUND 4**
1995/96 - 18,935
1996/97 - 51,556

ERICSSON CUP TABLE as at 3 November 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brisbane Strikers	4	3	1	0	10	3	10
UTS Olympic	3	3	0	0	8	1	9
Sydney United	3	2	1	0	9	4	7
Collingwood Warriors	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Perth Glory	4	2	0	2	11	8	6
West Adelaide	4	2	0	2	8	10	6
Wollongong City	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Newcastle Breakers	5	1	2	2	9	11	5
Marconi Fairfield	4	1	2	1	6	8	5
Melbourne Knights	3	1	1	1	1	3	4
Adelaide City	3	0	2	1	0	1	2
Gippsland Falcons	4	0	1	2	2	5	1
South Melbourne	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Canberra Cosmos	5	0	1	4	4	14	1

PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS

NAME	TEAM	POINTS
Sean Cranney	Brisbane Strikers	6
Tony Popovic	Sydney United	6
Alvin Ceccoli	Wollongong City	6
Frank Juric	Collingwood Warriors	6
Troy Halpin	Newcastle Breakers	5
Lubo Lapsansky	Melbourne Knights	5
Bobby Despotovski	Perth Glory	5
Jason Petkovic	Adelaide Zebras	5
Alan Hunter	Brisbane Strikers	5
Jim Kourtis	Gippsland Falcons	5
Jim Tsekini	West Adelaide	4
Kris Trajanovski	UTS Olympic	4
Norman Tome	UTS Olympic	4

LEADING GOALSCORERS

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
Jason Bennett	Newcastle Breakers	4
Bobby Despotovski	Perth Glory	4
Matthew Horsley	Wollongong City	4
Norman Tome	UTS Olympic	4
David Zdrilic	Sydney United	4
Rodney Brown	Brisbane Strikers	3
Kris Trajanovski	UTS Olympic	3
Alex Duric	Gippsland Falcons	2
Frank Farina	Brisbane Strikers	2
Norman Kelly	Canberra Cosmos	2
Glenn Sprod	Newcastle Breakers	2
Paul Strudwick	Perth Glory	2
Kimion Taliadoros	Collingwood Warriors	2
Hamilton Thorp	West Adelaide	2
Jimmy Tsekini	West Adelaide	2

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

SYDNEY UNITED V MELBOURNE KNIGHTS (RD 3)
WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 1996 - 7.30PM
Syd United 4/6, Draw 5/2, Melb Knights 3/1

WOLLONGONG CITY V SOUTH MELBOURNE
FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1996 - 7.30PM
Wollongong 5/4, Draw 9/4, Sth Melbourne 2/1

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS V CANBERRA COSMOS
FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1996 - 7.30PM
Newcastle EV, Draw 9/4, Canberra 5/2

GIPPSLAND FALCONS V WEST ADELAIDE
SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 1996 - 7.30PM
Gippsland EV, Draw 9/4, West Adelaide 2/1

BRISBANE STRIKERS V MELBOURNE KNIGHTS
SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 1996 - 7.00PM
Brisbane 5/4, Draw 9/4, Melb Knights 7/4

SYDNEY UNITED V UTS OLYMPIC
SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 1996 - 6.30PM
Sydney United 6/4, Draw 2/1, UTS Olympic 7/4

COLLINGWOOD WARRIORS V PERTH GLORY
SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 1996 - 5.30PM
Collingwood 1/3, Draw 3/1, Perth 6/1

ADELAIDE CITY V MARCONI FAIRFIELD
SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 1996 - 7.30PM
Adelaide City 7/4, Draw 9/4, Marconi 5/4

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**A CONTRAST IN STYLES. MANFRED SCHAEFER (L)
CELEBRATES A MARCONI GOAL WHILE ZORAN MATIC MAINTAINS
HIS USUAL DEMENOUR. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THE
MARCONI v COLLINGWOOD GAME ON OCTOBER 19, 1996.**

WORLD RESULTS & TABLES

European Champions League

Group A

Grasshopper (Swi)	3	Auxerre (Fra)	1
Glasgow Ran (Sco)	0	Ajax Amsterdam (Hol)	1

Table

G'opper Zurich	4	3	0	1	7	2	9
Ajax	4	3	0	1	6	2	9
Auxerre	4	2	0	2	4	5	6
Glasgow Rangers	4	0	0	4	2	10	0

Group B

Borussia Dortmund (Ger)	1	Adolfo Madrid (Spa)	2
Widzew Lodz (Pol)	2	Steaua Bucharest (Rom)	0

Table

Atletico Madrid	4	3	0	1	10	3	9
Borussia Dortmund	4	3	0	1	7	3	9
Widzew Lodz	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
Steaua Bucharest	4	1	0	3	1	9	3

Group C

Juventus (Ita)	5	Rapid Vienna (Aus)	0
Manchester United (Eng)	0	Fenerbahce (Tur)	1

Table

Juventus	4	3	1	0	8	1	10
Manchester United	4	2	0	0	4	2	6
Fenerbahce	4	1	1	2	2	4	4
Rapid Vienna	4	0	2	2	2	9	2

Group D

Porto (Por)	3	Rosenborg (Nor)	0
AC Milan (Ita)	4	IFK Gothenburg (Swe)	2

Table

Porto	4	4	0	0	9	3	12
AC Milan	4	2	0	2	11	8	6
Gothenburg	4	1	0	3	7	10	3
Rosenborg	4	1	0	3	4	10	3

UEFA Cup Round 2 Second Leg

Trabzonspor (Tur)	3	Schalke (Ger)	3
(Schalke won 4-3 on aggregate)			
Spartak Moscow (Rus)	2	Hamburg (Ger)	2
(Hamburg won 5-2 on aggregate)			
Monaco (Fra)	0	Bor. Moencheng (Ger)	1
(Monaco won 4-3 on agg)			
Casino Graz (Aus)	1	Internazionale (Ita)	0
(Aggregate 1-1. Inter. won 5-3 on penalties)			
Nat. Buchar (Rom)	1	Brugge (Bel)	1
(Brugge won 3-1 on agg)			
Brondby (Den)	0	Aberdeen (Sco)	0
(Brondby won 2-0 on agg)			
Besiktas (Tur)	2	Legia Warsaw (Pol)	1
(Besiktas won 3-2 on agg)			
Neuchatel (Swi)	1	Helsingborg (Swe)	1
(Helsingborg won 3-1 on agg)			
Anderlecht (Bel)	0	Guimaraes (Por)	0
(Aggregate 1-1. Anderlecht won on away goals rule)			
Feyenoord (Neth)	0	Espanol (Spain)	1
(Feyenoord won 3-1 on agg)			
Roma (Ita)	2	Karlsruhe (Ger)	1
(Karlsruhe won 4-2 on agg)			
Newcastle (Eng)	4	Perencvaros (Hun)	0
(Newcastle won 6-3 on agg)			
Valencia (Spa)	0	Slavia Prague (Cze)	0
(Valencia won 1-0 on agg)			
Sport Lisbon (Por)	2	Metz (Fra)	1
(Metz won 3-2 on agg)			
Boavista (Por)	5	Dynamo Tbilisi (Geo)	0
(Boavista won 5-1 on agg)			
Tenerife (Spa)	5	Lazio (Ita)	3
(Tenerife won 5-4 on agg)			

UEFA Cup Round 3 Draw

Monaco (Fra)	Hamburg (Ger)
Brondby (Den)	Karlsruhe (Ger)
Tenerife (Spa)	Feyenoord (Neth)
Anderlecht (Bel)	Helsingborg (Swe)
Metz (Fra)	Newcastle United (Eng)
Brugge (Bel)	Schalke (Ger)
Internazionale (Ita)	Boavista (Por)
Valencia (Spa)	Besiktas (Tur)

First leg - November 19, Second leg - December 3.

Cup Winners Cup

AIK Stockh (Swe)	0	Nimes (Fra)	1
(AIK win 3-2 on aggregate)			
Loko Moscow (Rus)	2	Benfica (Por)	3
(Benfica win 4-2 on aggregate)			
Red Star Belg (Yug)	1	Barcelona (Spa)	1
(Barcelona win 4-2 on aggregate)			
Liverpool (Eng)	6	Sion (Swi)	3
(Liverpool win 8-4 on agg.)			
PSV Eindhoven (Hol)	2	Braun Bergen (Nor)	2
(Braun win 4-3 on aggregate)			
Paris St Germain (Fra)	4	Galatasaray (Turk)	0
(Paris win 6-4 on agg.)			
Sparta Prague (Cze)	1	Fiorentina (Ita)	1
(Fiorentina win 3-2 on agg.)			
AEK Athens (Gre)	4	Olimpija Ljublj (Slo)	0
(AEK win 6-0 on agg.)			

CONCACAF World Cup

Qualifying Rounds

Group 1

Costa Rica	1	Trinidad & Tobago	0
Trinidad & Tobago	1	Guatemala	1

Table

Costa Rica	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Trinidad & Tobago	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

Guatemala	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
United States	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group 2

Canada	3	Panama	1
Cuba	0	El Salvador	5
Cuba	3	Panama	1
Panama	1	El Salvador	1
Canada	2	Cuba	0
Cuba	0	Canada	2
Panama	0	Canada	0

Table

Canada	4	3	1	0	7	1	10
El Salvador	2	1	1	0	6	1	4
Cuba	4	1	0	3	3	10	3
Panama	4	0	2	2	3	7	2

Group 3

Saint Vincent	0	Mexico	3
Jamaica	3	Honduras	0
Honduras	2	Mexico	2
Saint Vincent	1	Jamaica	1
Saint Vincent	1	Honduras	4
Mexico	2	Jamaica	1
Honduras	0	Jamaica	0

Table

Jamaica	4	2	1	1	6	3	7
Honduras	4	2	1	1	6	3	7
Mexico	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Saint Vincent	3	0	0	3	2	9	0

The first two in each group will qualify for the final round robin. The first three of the final round robin will qualify for the 1998 World Cup.

Argentina Apertutu

Boca Juniors	0	Independiente	1
Colon	1	Huracan-Corrientes	1
Deportivo Espanol	1	Gimnasia-La Plata	2
Estudiantes	0	River Plate	1
Gimnasia-Jujuy	2	Ferro Carril Oeste	2
Huracan	3	Union	0
Lanus	3	San Lorenzo	1
Platense	4	Velez Sarsfield	4
Racing Club	1	Banfield	0
Rosario Central	1	Newell's Old Boys	1

Table

River Plate	10	8	1	1	26	10	25
Independiente	10	6	4	0	20	8	22
Lanus	10	6	4	0	13	5	22
Velez Sarsfield	10	5	3	2	21	15	18
Racing Club	10	5	3	2	13	10	18
Gimnasia-La Plata	10	5	3	2	9	6	18
Newell Old Boys	10	4	3	3	12	13	15
San Lorenzo	10	4	2	4	11	10	14
Boca Juniors	10	4	2	4	17	18	14
Rosario Central	10	3	4	3	13	12	13
Union	10	2	5	3	6	8	11
Colon	10	2	5	3	10	14	11
Ferro Carril Oeste	10	2	3	5	16	20	9
Huracan-Corri	10	1	6	3	11	16	9
Deportivo Espan	10	2	3	5	10	15	9
Huracan	10	1	5	5	12	14	8
Union	10	2	2	6	15	20	8
Estudiantes	10	2	2	6	12	17	8
Banfield	10	2	2	6	8	17	8
Platense	10	1	4	5	9	16	7

Belgium

Lierse	1
Charleroi	2
Club Brugge	2
Ekeren	2
Anderlecht	0
Antwerp	4
Ghent	1
Lokeren	1
Mechelen	0
Standard Liege	4

Table

Standard Liege	13	9	0	4	24	16	27
Club Brugge	13	7	4	2	25	13	25
Mouscron	13	7	4	2	22	12	25
Anderlecht	13	6	5	2	21	10	23
Harelbeke	13	6	3	4	23	16	21
Lierse	13	5	6	2	19	13	21
Antwerp	12	6	1	5	19	18	19
Molenbeek	13	5	4	4	13	13	19
Lommel	13	5	4	4	22	23	19
Lokeren	12	5	4	4	22	17	18
Charleroi	13	5	2	6	21	20	17
Ghent	13	4	3	6	21	26	15
Gent	13	3	6	4	12	17	15
Ekeren	13	4	2	7	17	20	14
Aalst	13	2	6	5	16	24	12
Mechelen	13	2	5	6	15	23	11
Sint Truiden	13	2	4	7	18	31	10
Cercle Brugge	13	0	4	9	13	31	4

England Premier

Aston Villa	2	Nottingham Forest	0
Derby	2	Leicester	0
Leeds	3	Sunderland	0
Manchester United	1	Chelsea	2
Sheffield Wed	1	Southampton	1
Tottenham	1	West Ham	0
Wimbledon	2	Arsenal	2

Table

Arsenal	12	7	4	1	24	10	25
Newcastle	11	8	0	3	20	12	24
Liverpool	10	7	2	1	20	8	23
Wimbledon	12	7	2	3	22	13	23
Chelsea	12	6	4	2	21	17	22
Manchester Utd	12	5	4	3	23	19	19
Aston Villa	12	5	3	4	15	11	18
Tottenham	12	5	2	5	12	11	17
Sheffield Wed	12	4	4	4	13	17	16
Everton	10	4	3	3	11	11	15
Derby	12	3	5	4	12	14	14
West Ham	12	4	2	6	11	16	14
Leicester	12	4	2	6	9	15	14
Southampton	12	3	4	5	21	17	13
Middlesbrough	11	3	4	4	16	18	13
Sunderland	12	3	4	5	9	14	13
Leeds	12	4	1	7	11	18	13
Nottingham For	12	1	5	6	10	20	8
Coveytry	11	1	5	5	4	14	8
Blackburn	11	0	4	7	7	16	4

Division 1

- 2 Nov -

Bolton	2	Huddersfield	0
Bradford	0	Oldham	3
Norwich	1	Charlton	2
Oxford	3	Ipswich	1
Port Vale	3	Birmingham	0
Portsmouth	4	West Bromwich	0
Queens Park Rangers	1	Stoke	1
Southend	2	Reading	1
Swindon	2	Manchester City	0
Tranmere	1	Crystal Palace	3
Wolverhampton	3	Barnsley	3

- 29 Oct -

Bolton	2	Reading	1
Bradford	0	Crystal Palace	4
Grimsby	0	Oldham	1
Oxford	4	Stoke	3
Port Vale	1	Barnsley	3
Portsmouth	1	Birmingham	1
Southend	2	Manchester City	3
Tranmere	4	Charlton	0
Norwich	1	Sheffield United	1
Queens Park Rgrs	0	Ipswich	1
Swindon	2	West Bromwich	3
Wolverhampton	0	Huddersfield	0

Table							
Bolton	16	11	4	1	37	20	37
Norwich	16	9	4	3	25	14	31
Crystal Palace	16	8	6	2	26	13	30
Barnsley	15	7	6	2	27	18	27
Wolverhampton	17	7	5	5	22	17	26
Tranmere	17	7	4	6	25	20	25
Swindon	16	7	2	7	24	19	23
Stoke	15	6	5	4	22	26	23
Sheffield United	13	6	4	3	25	14	22
Oxford	16	6	4	6	20	13	22
Queens Pk Rang	17	5	7	5	20	21	22
Port Vale	17	5	7	5	16	19	22
Portsmouth	17	5	4	8	20	24	19
West Bromwich	15	4	7	4	18	22	19
Huddersfield	15	5	4	6	17	21	19
Southend	17	4	7	6	17	27	19
Manchester City	15	6	1	8	16	21	19
Ipswich	16	4	6	6	20	23	18
Reading	16	5	3	8	19	27	18
Birmingham	14	4	5	5	15	17	17
Charlton	14	5	2	7	14	21	17
Oldham	17	3	5	9	19	23	14
Grimsby	16	3	4	9	16	32	13
Bradford	17	3	4	10	11	29	13



WORLD RESULTS & TABLES

German Bundesliga

St Pauli	2	VfB Stuttgart	1
Werder Bremen	0	Hamburg	0
Schalke	1	Borussia Dortmund	3
Armunia Bielefeld	1	Fortuna Dusseldorf	0
Duisburg	1	Freiburg	4
Bayer Leverkusen	3	Borussia Moencheng	0
Bayern Munich	1	1860 Munich	1
Bochum	1	Hansa Rostock	0

Table

Bayern Munich	13	8	4	1	23	12	28
VfB Stuttgart	13	8	3	2	34	12	27
Bayer Leverkusen	13	8	3	2	29	15	27
Borussia D'mund	13	8	2	3	27	15	26
Bochum	13	6	5	2	18	16	23
Cologne	12	7	1	4	22	16	22
Werder Bremen	13	6	3	4	26	15	21
Karlsruhe	12	5	2	5	19	17	17
1860 Munich	13	4	4	5	21	22	16
Hamburg	13	4	3	6	17	20	15
Fortuna Dussel	13	4	3	6	8	18	15
Borussia Moenc	13	4	2	7	12	19	14
St Pauli	13	4	2	7	18	27	14
Schalke	13	3	4	6	13	22	13
Hansa Rostock	13	3	3	7	15	20	12
Freiburg	13	4	0	9	18	32	12
Duisburg	13	2	4	7	11	21	10
Armunia Biele	13	2	4	7	12	24	10

Greece

Panathinaikos	1	Ionikos	0
Olympiakos	0	Panathaiiki	0
Iraklis	2	Kastoria	1
Apollon	2	Xanthi	1
Paniliakos	0	OFI	4
Kalamata	0	Kavala	0
PAOK	1	Edessaikos	1
Veria	1	Aris	1

Table

Olympiakos	7	5	2	0	13	2	17
Panathinaikos	7	5	1	1	15	5	16
OFI	7	5	0	2	11	6	15
Panathaiiki	7	4	2	1	8	6	14
Paniliakos	7	4	2	1	9	8	14
AEK	6	4	1	1	14	5	13
Ionikos	7	3	3	1	8	4	12
Xanthi	7	2	3	2	8	7	9
Kalamata	7	2	3	2	4	8	9
PAOK	7	2	3	2	5	6	9
Veria	7	2	2	3	9	7	8
Kavala	7	1	3	3	2	4	6
Aris	7	1	3	3	5	9	6
Iraklis	7	1	2	4	3	11	5
Edessaikos	7	1	2	4	7	11	5
Athinaikos	6	1	1	4	3	8	4
Apollon	7	1	1	5	4	12	4
Kastoria	7	0	2	5	4	13	2

Holland

Division 1

Willem II Tilburg	0	Ajax Amsterdam	1
Twente Enschede	1	PSV Eindhoven	2
Groningen	0	Feyenoord	1
Utrecht	3	NAC Breda	1
Volendam	1	RKC Waalwijk	0
AZ Alkmaar	0	Heerenveen	2
NEC Nijmegen	3	Sparta Rotterdam	2
Roda JC Kerkrade	3	Graafschap Doetinchem	0
Fortuna Sittard	1	Vitesse Arnhem	5

Table

PSV Eindhoven	14	10	3	1	44	11	33
Feyenoord	14	10	2	2	26	17	32
Ajax Amsterdam	14	7	5	2	18	9	26
Graafschap Doet	13	7	3	3	24	16	24
Vitesse Arnhem	14	6	4	4	23	16	22
Twente Enschede	13	6	3	4	16	13	21
Heerenveen	14	5	6	3	24	15	21
Roda JC Kerck	14	5	5	4	15	20	20
Sparta Rotterdam	14	5	3	6	16	16	18
Volendam	14	4	6	4	16	19	18
NEC Nijmegen	14	3	7	4	18	22	16
NAC Breda	14	4	3	7	12	23	15
Utrecht	14	2	8	4	20	21	14
Willem II Tilburg	14	3	4	7	15	22	13
Fortuna Sittard	14	3	4	7	10	24	13
AZ Alkmaar	14	3	2	9	12	18	11
Groningen	14	2	5	7	14	26	11
RKC Waalwijk	14	2	3	9	11	26	9

Serie A

Bologna	3	Roma	2
Cagliari	2	Perugia	1
Juventus	1	Napoli	1
Lazio	0	Vicenza	2
Milan	1	Atalanta	1
Sampdoria	3	Piacenza	0
Udinese	2	Reggina	1
Verona	0	Inter	1

Table

Inter	8	5	2	1	10	5	17
Vicenza	8	5	1	2	15	8	16
Juventus	8	4	3	1	11	7	15
Sampdoria	8	4	1	3	13	7	13
Milan	8	4	1	3	14	10	13
Bologna	8	4	1	3	13	12	13
Udinese	8	3	3	2	10	9	12

Perugia	8	4	0	4	10	11	12
Napoli	8	3	3	2	9	11	12
Roma	8	3	2	3	14	12	11
Florentina	7	3	2	2	9	7	11
Piacenza	8	3	2	3	8	9	11
Parma	7	3	1	3	10	9	10
Lazio	8	2	2	4	6	9	8
Cagliari	8	2	1	5	9	12	7
Atalanta	8	1	3	4	8	16	6
Verona	8	1	2	5	7	16	5
Reggina	8	0	4	4	8	14	4

Serie B

Cremonese	1	C. Sangro	0
Lucchese	1	Palermo	1
Bari	1	Torino	2
Pescara	2	Chievo	1
Reggina	1	Ravenna	1
Salermitana	0	Cosenza	0
Venezia	0	Genoa	1

Table

Lecco	9	7	1	1	15	6	22
Pescara	9	6	3	0	16	6	21
Lucchese	9	4	3	2	8	3	15
Torino	9	4	3	2	10	8	15
Bari	9	3	5	1	15	8	14
Genoa	9	3	5	1	10	5	14
Brescia	9	3	5	1	9	7	14
Padova	9	4	2	3	9	8	14
Chievo	9	3	3	3	10	10	12
Ravenna	9	3	3	3	9	9	12
Salermitana	9	3	3	3	5	7	12
Foggia	9	3	2	4	8	11	11
Empoli	9	3	2	4	7	11	11
Cesena	9	2	4	3	9	9	10
Palermo	9	2	4	3	8	10	10
C. Sangro	9	3	1	5	5	11	10
Cosenza	9	1	4	4	4	10	7
Venezia	9	1	3	5	8	12	6
Reggina	9	0	5	4	7	13	5
Cremonese	9	1	1	7	3	11	4

Japan

J League

Kashiwa	3	Hiroshima	0
Urawa	0	Kashima	0
(Kashima won 5-4 on penalties)			
Yokohama M	1	Yokohama F	2
Hiratsuka	0	Kyoto	0
Iwata	3	Osaka C	0
Nagoya	1	Ichihara	1
(Nagoya won 4-2 on penalties)			
Osaka G	1	Kawasaki	3
Fukuoka	1	Shizuoka	3

Table

Kashima	20	8	57	27	63
Yokohama F	21	7	57	39	63
Nagoya	20	8	59	34	60
Iwata	19	9	50	35	59
Kashiwa	19	9	64	48	57
Urawa	18	10	47	28	56
Kawasaki	17	11	58	41	51
Ichihara	13	15	43	40	40
Yokohama M	12	16	34	39	36
Shizuoka	11	17	48	57	34
Hiratsuka	10	18	41	56	30
Osaka G	10	18	36	56	30
Hiroshima	10	18	33	53	30
Osaka C	9	19	34	53	27
Fukuoka	8	20	38	60	26
Kyoto	7	21	20	53	21

(Note: Losers in penalty shoot-outs are awarded 1 point)

Northern Ireland

Premier League

Ards	0	Glenavon	0
Crusaders	2	Glenfort	0
Linfield	1	Cliftonville	1
Portadown	2	Coleraine	2

Table

Coleraine	5	4	1	0	10	6	13
Linfield	5	2	2	1	7	4	8
Crusaders	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
Portadown	5	2	2	1	8	7	8
Cliftonville	5	1	3	1	4	4	6
Glenavon	5	1	2	2	6	9	5
Glenfort	5	1	1	3	9	11	4
Ards	5	0	1	4	5	10	1

Portugal

Seubal	1	Salgueiros	1
Benelenses	2	Martimo	0
Leca	3	Rio Ave	2
Uniao Leiria	0	Chaves	0
Gil Vicente	0	Estrela Amadora	1
Porto	2	Farense	0
Guimaraes	2	Esposho	4
Braga	1	Sporting	0

Table

Porto	9	7	2	0	17	2	23
Sporting	9	6	1	2	13	6	19
Benfica	8	6	1	1	17	3	19

Espinho	9	5	2	2	13	11	17
Setubal	9	4	4	1	16	10	16
Braga	9	4	3	2	14	12	15
Farense	9	4	2	3	7	6	14
Estrela Amadora	9	4	2	3	7	6	14
Leca	9	3	3	3	10	7	12
Martimo	9	3	3	3	11	13	12
Chaves	9	3	2	4	10	14	11
Salgueiros	9	2	4	3	8	10	10
Benelenses	9	3	1	5	11	16	10
Boavista	8	2	3	3	10	11	9
Guimaraes	9	2	2	5	12	17	8
Uniao Leiria	9	2	0	7	6	18	6
Gil Vicente	9	1	1	7	9	19	4
Rio Ave	9	0	2	7	10	20	2

Romania

Division 1

Sportul Studentesc	2	Rapid Bucharest	0
Jul Petrosani	1	A.S. Bacau	0
Dinamo Bucharest	0	Steana Bucharest	0
F.C. Arges Dacia Pit	1	Ceahlaul Piatra Neamt	1
Universitatea Crai	1	F.C. Chindia Tirgoviste	1
Politehnica Timis	1	F.C. National Bucharest	1
Otelul Galati	2	Universitatea Cluj	0
Gloria Bistrita	2	F.C. Brasov	0
F.C. Petrolul Plo	3	F.C. Farul Constanta	0

Table

Steaua Bucharest	12	8	2	2	21	11	26
F.C. Nat Buch	12	8	2	2	20	10	26
Otelul Galati	12	7	2	3	22	12	23
Dinamo Buch	12	6	3	3	17	9	21
F.C. Chindia Tirg	12	6	2	4	14	12	20
Universitatea Clu	12	5	4	3	17	15	19
Jul Petrosani	12	6	1	5	13	17	19
Ceahlaul Piat Nea	12	5	3	4	16	17	18
F.C. Arg Dac Pit	12	5	2	5	18	16	17
A.S. Bacau	12	4	4	4	14	12	16
Universa Crai	12	4	3	5	19	17	15
F.C. Farul Const	12	4	3	5	14	14	15
Sportul Student	12	4	2	6	15	18	14
Rapid Bucharest	12	4	2	6	13	16	14
F.C. Petrol Ploi	12	3	3	6	16	16	12
Gloria Bistrita	12	2	3	7	8	19	9
F.C. Brasov	12	2	3	7	11	24	9
Politehnica Timis	12	2	2	8	16	29	8

Russia

Final Round

Torpedo Moscow

WORLD STORIES

GOALIE SCORES NINTH FOR VELEZ

Irrepressible goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert scored his ninth goal this year to give Argentina's Velez Sarsfield a 2-1 win away to Santos of Brazil in a South American Supercup semi-final tie last week.

Chilavert calmly stroked home a penalty three minutes from the end of the first leg match, sending Santos goalkeeper Edinho, Pele's son, the wrong way and claiming his first goal on Brazilian soil.

Chilavert, a Paraguayan who also takes his team's free kicks, orchestrated Velez's performance from his goal.



Luis Chilavert: Has nine goals for the season and he's a keeper!

He created three of their best goalscoring chances with his huge goal kicks upfield, which repeatedly caught the Santos defence off guard, but also found time to defend his own goal, making several important saves.

Chilavert, who denied beforehand that the chance to score against Pele's son had given him extra motivation, also took two free kicks within a three minute spell in the second half but was not on target with either.

He played the second half without his trademark goalkeeping shirt, which features a bulldog, as it was ripped in the first half and had

to be traded for a bright red one at halftime.

Striker Martin Posse had put Velez ahead in the 12th minute with Alessandro equalising for Santos ten minutes later.

Chilavert's goal was his second in the Supercup, the first coming from a free kick in a quarter-final tie against Olimpia.

Cruzeiro, another Brazilian side, played 45 minutes of exhilarating football to take a 3-1 halftime lead at home to Chile's Colo Colo but then tired and allowed the Chileans to pull a second goal back.

GREATEST STADIUM FOR SALE

The world famous Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro is to come under private administration in a bid to restore the crumbling temple of Brazilian soccer to renewed glory.

The rules of the game to acquire the 30-year concession to run and refurbish the world's largest stadium with a capacity of 125,000 spectators were published on Wednesday.

When the stadium was finished in 1950, its design was hailed as being years ahead of its time, but 46 years later the paint is peeling, cats roam at will and water leaks onto the terraces.

Interested investors will have to prove their financial mettle. They must possess capital of at least \$57 million and invest up to \$62 million in the first three years to

modernise the stadium.

Maracana's decline really took off in the early 1990s when the state government of Rio de Janeiro, which owns the stadium, stopped doing even the most basic maintenance.

The state has been running Maracana at a deficit, spending about \$12 million a year but taking in only around \$7.5 million in receipts, said Raul Raposo, the president of the Rio de Janeiro state sports department.

"With these measures we hope ... to restore the complex

to the conditions set by FIFA and the International Olympic Committee," Raposo said.

Whoever buys Maracana will have to fit electronic scoreboards, introduce computerised ticketing and install numbered seating, Raposo said. They will also be responsible for security within the grounds.

The stadium's fall from grace was highlighted four years ago when part of the fence at the front of the upper tier collapsed and dozens of people plunged five meters onto the seating below. More than 50 people were injured and one fan died as a result of his injuries.

Only 18 months earlier the Maracana grounds had been closed for several weeks after radio reporters claimed the upper tier was vibrating during a game.



LIVERPOOL OVERCOME SURPRISING DEFEAT

An astonishing 6-3 comeback victory by Liverpool over Sion of Switzerland ensured the English club a place in the quarter-finals of the European Cup Winners Cup after a match of vastly changing fortunes.

The Reds' 8-4 aggregate win overshadowed the rest of the evening where results went to form with Barcelona, holder Paris Saint Germain, Benfica and Fiorentina all booking their places in next year's last eight.

Liverpool, bidding to land the only European trophy it has never won, earned a 2-1 advantage from the first leg but found itself two down after 23 minutes to goals from Frederic Chassot and Christian Bonvin.

England winger Steve McManaman ensured Liverpool pulled one back after 28 minutes with a powerful shot from the edge of the area.

But it was not until the second half that the goal

bonanza really began. Norwegian wing-back Stig Bjornebye firing the Reds level after 54 minutes with a free-kick from 23 metres out.

Ten minutes later the Swiss were back on course for a shock win and qualification when Chassot grabbed his second of the night.

But Liverpool captain John Barnes began an amazing revival seconds later when he made the score 3-3 to put Liverpool ahead 5-4 when he delightfully back-heeled the ball into the corner following a cross from Patrick Berger.

Goal sensation Robbie Fowler boosted Liverpool ahead for the first time on the night with a goal after 70 minutes when Luis Milton's back-pass was woefully short and McManaman nipped in to square the ball to his England colleague.

Fowler added his second a minute later, springing the offside trap, as McManaman played the ball through to make it 5-3 to Liverpool before Berger capped a

remarkable night with a goal in stoppage time.

Fiorentina booked its place in the quarter-finals after holding Sparta Prague to a hard-fought 1-1 draw.

The Italians, who won 2-1 in Florence two weeks ago, were rocked by an Vratislav Lokvenc early goal and then failed to create a single scoring opportunity in the opening 45 minutes.

But they piled on the pressure in the second half



John Barnes: Started Liverpool's revival with audacious back heeled goal.

and were rewarded with Anselmo Robbati's equaliser, enough to book their place in the last eight.

Paris Saint Germain clawed back its two-goal deficit to overwhelm Galatasaray 5-4 on aggregate.

Brazilian Leonardo, Panamanian Dely Valdes and Patrice Loko all found the net for a 3-0 victory at the Parc des Princes, in Paris.

Part-timer and 10-man Nimes may have gone out of the Cup Winners Cup 3-2 on aggregate against Aik Solna of Sweden but at least it had a 1-0 away victory to celebrate.

In other games, Benfica came back from 2-1 down at Lokomotiv Moscow to win 3-2 on the night to go through 4-2 on aggregate.

Barcelona, which tops the Spanish league, earned a quarter-final spot after its 1-1 draw at Fiorentina, Norway's SK Brann knocked out high scoring PSV Eindhoven and AEK Athens proved too much for Slovenia's Olimpija Ljubljana.

ZELIC'S TEAM CLIMBS TO THIRD

Two goals by teenager Thierry Henry helped Monaco crush Bordeaux 3-1 and take his side to the top of the French first division on the weekend.

Monaco joined Paris St Germain on 29 points but jumped above them thanks to a better goal difference.

Monaco went ahead after just eight minutes with a headed goal by midfielder Sylvain Legwinski. A brilliant strike by 19-year-old Henry just before halftime left Bordeaux with a mountain to climb.

Henry, who is understood to be attracting the interest of several big European clubs including Real Madrid, put the

issue beyond doubt with his second goal in the 65th minute.

Bordeaux, who have not won in Monaco for 15 years, reduced the arrears with a goal by Ibrahim Ba six minutes later.

Champion Auxerre won 2-0 at Le Havre to remain in third place one point behind Monaco and PSG.

"We played far better than we did on Wednesday," said Auxerre trainer Guy Roux, referring to his side's 3-1 defeat by Grasshopper Zurich in the Champions' League.

"We're just behind the leading teams and that's excellent."

Alsin Goma headed Auxerre in front in the 23rd

minute. Algerian midfielder Moussa Saib scored the second eight minutes from time.

Former European champion Marseille plunged deeper into a crisis which could cost trainer Gerard Gili his job by losing 2-0 in Montpellier. It trails Monaco by 12 points.

Marseille was reduced to 10 men when Italian central defender Alberto Malusci was sent off for a second bookable offence just before halftime.

Ivory Coast striker Ibrahim Bakayoko scored twice for Montpellier, in the 10th and 46th minutes.

BURUNDI ELIMINATED BY SECURITY

FIFA has replaced Burundi with Sierra Leone in the second round of Africa Confederation World Cup qualifiers for failing to provide security.

Burundi beat Sierra Leone 2-0 on aggregate in the first round of qualifiers.

A FIFA spokesman said, the Burundi Football Federation was given until midnight last Wednesday to say it could ensure the proper organisation and security of all persons involved in upcoming matches and it was unable to do so.

Ethnic violence in Burundi between Hutus and Tutsis, similar to that in neighbouring Rwanda, has killed an estimated 150,000 people since 1993.



NZ TEAM SIGN FASHANU

Former English professional Justin Fashanu is to play for New Zealand club Miramar Rangers, making him the highest paid player in the country, his agent said last week.

The former Nottingham Forest star flew in from the United States to sign a deal to represent the Wellington side in New Zealand's summer soccer league this season.

Parties involved in the deal would not name Fashanu's price but local promoter Nick Mills, acting as his agent in Wellington, said it would make him the most expensive

player in New Zealand.

The flamboyant Fashanu, 33, was the second player to be transferred for one million pounds.

"I'm here to play, this is my fresh start," he declared.

"He is obviously trying to relaunch his professional career, and a good season in New Zealand, playing a lot of games, will help that," said Miramar Rangers chairman Ian Wells.

Wells added that Fashanu's presence should substantially increase New Zealand soccer's profile.

Munich Bayern remained one point ahead of the German Bundesliga table, despite Friday's disappointing draw in the Munich derby, after Stuttgart crashed 2-1 at lowly St Pauli on Saturday.

Stuttgart, the early season pace-setter which last won the title four years ago, was expecting to steamroll its opponent, which began the day in the bottom four, but it completely misread the script as Christian Springer blasted a double for Hamburg club St Pauli.

Bulgarian playmaker Krassimir Balakov hit a

consolation for the visitors from the penalty spot as Stuttgart suffered its second defeat of the season.

With Bayer Leverkusen hammering an out of sorts Borussia Muenchengladbach 3-0 and reigning champion Borussia Dortmund winning its derby encounter 3-1 at Schalke, the title chase is now very much a four-horse race.

Dortmund shook off its midweek Champions' League reverse to Atletico Madrid as a second half brace from Swiss forward Stephane Chapuisat snuffed out traditional rival Schalke.



RISEING STARS

FULL STRENGTH LAKERS BANG IN NINE

GIPPSLAND

Round Three began with a seven goal thriller at Falcons Stadium, when Gippsland eventually got home against Thomastown Zebras by four goals to three. Carlo Villani opened in the first minute for the Falcons but Carlo Impiombato equalised four minutes later.

Then Antoni Forte scored for the Zebras after twenty-five minutes only for Wally Noppert to bring the teams level within a minute and that is how it stayed until six minutes after the break when Alex Halikias restored the Falcons' lead. Once again Impiombato was on target and there was only a minute left, when man-of-the-match John Hutchinson popped up with the Falcons' winner. Adrian Savage and Andy Mack started for the Falcons and Impiombato, Di Luca and Pernia for the Zebras in a fast open game which kept the crowd enthralled right to the

end.

SPRINGVALE 2 MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 1

The big upset was Melbourne Knights defeated by two goals to one at Ross Reserve by Springvale City. Springvale got the jump early when David Bertone scored after only four minutes. It took the Knights half-an-hour to get on terms through Branko Bacak, and thereafter the match see-sawed evenly until Ronald Navarro broke through with only twelve minutes to play. Keeper Sasha Bulut was Springvale City's hero, but Roddy Vargas and Bertone also starred, while Branko Bacak and Jason Vukadin were the pick of the Knights

VIS 4 GREEN GULLY 0

The Victorian Institute of

THOMASTOWN



...scored to put UTS Olympic into lead.

Sport and Green Gully were locked nil-all at half-time at Paisley Park, but when the VIS grabbed an early goal in the second they went on to win by four goals to nil. Green Gully had the better of the first half but at in the VIS's first attack of the second half Michael Anderson swung over a cross, David Maglovski tried to clear and Joe Carey pounced to score from close range. When Maglovski brought down Carey after 59 minutes, Lev Osman stepped up to score from the penalty spot. Then substitute Bill Petrovski curled a brilliant shot into the top corner following a corner-kick and Adrian Tuzuppe made it four in injury time. At the other end Peter Zois had to bring off two remarkable saves to deny Marco Denni late in the game as Green Gully fought the match out to the end.

S. MELBOURNE 9 ALTONA MAGIC 2

Another upset threatened briefly when the young Altona Magic took an early lead against a powerful South Melbourne team which had all its young Socceroos back, while Steve Panopoulos was making his come back after injury. But the Blues then got the motor running and finished up with a nine-two victory. Pece Cergovski skipped through a couple of tackles to score after 14 minutes, and the first sign of South Melbourne came when Michael Turcija struck the cross-bar with a header three minutes later. Daniel Allsopp equalised on the 27th minute mark but Altona went to a two-one break when Pece Siveski scored after 33 minutes only for Tinsel Baser to pull one back a minute later. Then the floodgates opened, Alfonso Opazo grabbed a quick hat-trick, Allsopp completed his and Michael Turcija weighed in with two goals as the Blues

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS Northern Division

27 OCTOBER 1996

Q.A.S.	v	Wollongong City	1-2
Bland (16)		Closs (54), Whiddett (66)	
ACT Academy	v	A.I.S.	0-2
		Maisano (54), Van Guylenburg (88)	
Sydney United	v	Sydney United Colts	1-0
Saric (44)			
Marconi Fairfield	v	NSW I.S.	2-0
Pillemer (51)		Saad (61), Bove (67), Carle (89)	

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi Fairfield	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
A.I.S.	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
UTS Olympic	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
Wollongong city	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Sydney United	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Q.A.W.	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
Marconi Fairfield Colts	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
Newcastle Breakers	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
N.S.W.I.S.	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
UTS Olympic Colts	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Sydney United Colts	3	0	0	3	1	6	0
ACT A.S.	3	0	0	3	1	7	0

coasted away.

MELB. KNIGHTS COLTS 1 SUNSHINE 3

Sunshine Georgies were too strong for Melbourne Knights Colts at Knights Stadium winning by three goals to one and retaining the Georgies one hundred per cent record. Joe De Bono came up to convert a set-piece corner kick after 17 minutes. Then Colts keeper Jeff Sabol made his sole mistake for the day

when he fumbled a high shot just under the cross-bar, as the ball dropped Lee Bickle pounced to score from close range. De Bono made another surging run from the back which set up a cross for substitute Rai Monifio to score unchallenged. Former Georgie Adis Kablar pulled a goal back in the 63rd after a good run. Ante Susnjara probed all day for the Knights and Weinstein medalist Lyubo Milicevic ranged across the backline, while for the Georgies, keeper Simon Myers and strong man De

Bono were the tops.

HEIDELBERG 1 BOX HILL 1

Heidelberg United and Box Hill drew one-all at Olympic Village, both goals came in a three-minute spell in the second half. First GTass Amaridis put the Bergers ahead after 57 minutes and on the hour Mark Seimi equalised for Box Hill, with both players getting their second goal in three games.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS Victorian Division Rd 4

1 NOVEMBER 1996

Bentleigh Greens	1	Gippsland Falcons	3
(Christou)		(Noppert, Masi, di Luca)	
Sunshine Georgies	2	Box Hill	1
(El Kersh, Bickle)		(Selimi)	
Heidelberg United	3	Collingwood Warriors	3
(Kyriakou, Tsonis)		(Liapis, Parisis, Pouniotis)	
Green Gully	0	Melbourne Knights Colts	1
		(Razov)	
South Melbourne	0	VIS	2
		(Petrovski, Osman)	
Melbourne Knights	5	Altona Magic	1
(Bacak 2, Dragicevic, Radosevic, own goal)			
(Vasilevski)			
Springvale City	2	Thomastown Zebras	5
(Maisano 2)		(De Propertis 2, Sciarrone,	
Impiombato, Salievski)			

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
VIS	4	4	0	0	11	1	12
Sunshine Georgies	4	4	0	0	7	2	12
South Melbourne	4	3	0	1	15	5	9
Melbourne Knights	4	2	1	1	12	7	7
Gippsland Falcons	4	2	0	2	9	9	6
Green Gully	4	2	0	2	7	7	6
Melbourne Knights Colts	4	2	0	2	7	7	6
Collingwood Warriors	3	1	2	0	8	6	5
Thomastown Zebras	3	1	0	2	8	8	3
Bentleigh Greens	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
Springvale City Reds	4	1	0	3	5	15	3
Heidelberg United	4	0	2	2	6	9	2
Box Hill	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Altona Magic	4	0	0	4	4	19	0

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SASI	2	1	1	0	8	2	4
Adelaide City	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
Modbury	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
West Adelaide	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Woodville City	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
Adelaide Blue Eagles	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Cumberland United	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
Para Hills	2	0	0	1	2	12	0

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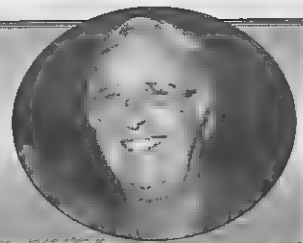
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Musitano)	
Para Hills	1
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(Martindale)	
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Modbury	2
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News in Brief



... by BOB BROOKS



This week marks the end of an international era for two Soccer personalities.

Paul Wade, long time Soccer Captain, has called it a day. What an illustrious Australian career it has been. 83 full internationals. That is 83 times he has appeared for the most senior Australian team against other countries.

I wonder if they still get caps?

Thank you Wadey for your inspiring performances and never say die attitude.



The second bloke to bow out is from across the Tasman. Barry Tasker, FIFA referee is calling it a day.



Tasker was the man in the middle, for the First Leg Oceania Cup game between Tahiti and Australia in Papeete.

Referees are no less important to a game than the players.



The Under 20 World Youth Cup Oceania qualifying tournament will soon be with us. Just two months away in fact. The winners go on to Malaysia for the Finals later in 1997.

With a tour to South America under their belts



and a one off game in South Africa coming up this Saturday, they appear to be getting a good preparation.

Les Scheindug is far from satisfied however. He believes the team needs more overseas competition.

So South Melbourne, be prepared to play even more games without Allsopp, Curcija, Blatsis and Damianos.



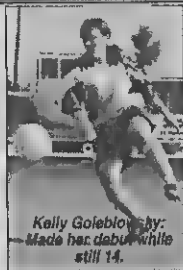
The Jokeys, or Under 17s, compete in their qualifying games against Oceania opponents in March. The winner will travel to Egypt for their World Cup.

Traditionally Australia has performed very well at both U17 & U20 levels of World competitions. As yet we have still to see the potential names.

Do other sports have as many opportunities to travel to World competitions at so many different ages? This fact alone emphasises why Association Football is truly the World Game.



There have been news headlines in recent days about a supposed 14 year old making his international cricket debut for Pakistan. However, he apparently has no birth certificate!



Kelly Golebiewski: Made her debut while still 14.

Regretfully there was no similar trumpeting when a young lady made her international debut for Australia in the USA against the host country on July 4 this year. This female player is Kelly Golebiewski and with a valid birth certificate she made her initial appearance when still only 14 years, 11 months and 4 days.

Miss Golebiewski is a student at Westfields Sports High in Sydney's west and a NSW Academy of Sport participant.

What a golden opportunity missed when she made her entry onto the World stage.



Last month the Queensland Soccer Federation made some radical decisions concerning that State's foremost competitions.

The XXXX Premier League has just eight teams. These elite consist of Wynnum District, Taringa Rovers, Rochedale Rovers,

Coalstars (an Ipswich based club), Beenleigh, Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions and from well outside the State capital, Bundaberg Across the Waves.

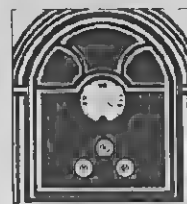
Readers will remember that in the 1980s, for a few years, other clubs from outside the metropolitan area graced the Queensland State League. It is to be hoped that in the near future Gold Coast, Townsville and Rockhampton can be accommodated.



A brave attempt to launch a radio enterprise alongside the Ericsson Cup has been abandoned.

The idea of Cec Buccello was to have commentary on games sent by satellite to radio stations across Australia.

Sponsorship advertising proved difficult to come by in these hard financial times and so the enterprise has folded. More's the pity.



The NSW Soccer Federation has raised quite a number of heckles with their recent decisions to reduce the size of their Super League to twelve teams



Sixteen clubs from Super League, Division 1, 2 and 3 met last week to discuss what options were open to them regarding the radical changes brought on the Federation.

It was resolved to seek a meeting with the Board of Directors to ask for a two year freeze on further modifications of the articles.

The delegation will also ask the Board to publicly publish the policy with regard to promotion and relegation between the leagues in NSW.

Instead of trying to force amalgamations that market forces should determine the fate of a Club.

Interesting times indeed in NSW



Good to see the Wolves of Wollongong trying to attract a crowd. They appear to have adopted the philosophy that the game is a part of a total family entertainment package.

For last Sunday's game with Newcastle Breakers, Harley Davidson motorcycles were on display, a Roo Ball competition was held, the Under 12s could chase the Wolf and a lucky attendee won a trip for two to New Zealand. These were just a few of the attractions.



Meanwhile at Marconi Stadium an accurate Kick of a ball into a hole twice as big on a target could gain someone \$10,000. The lucky contestants who struck the outer won a mobile phone.

Great promotions! Get on radio and tell folks about them then the uncommitted could be tempted to the ground.



Not sure the idea of beer being sold on the ground is conducive to attracting families to games. If an area can be adequately fenced off and grog only consumed in that area, well okay.

Might make a few extra dollars for a Club but the costs surely outweigh the benefits.

After all if there is licensed premises close to the ground then surely that is acceptable.

Too much alcohol can bring out the worst in a minority. That small number can spoil an evening for a large number.



Sydney Cosmos were apparently rejected for elevation to the top division in NSW 'because the Club has no home ground and has possible financial problems'.

Reliable information has it that three options are under discussion for the former. ES Marks Fields or as it is more commonly known the Sydney Athletics Stadium near Moore Park.

Then there is Redfern Oval, currently under utilised by South Sydney Rugby League and Kensington Oval.

The latter has good players and referees facilities, a covered stand with seating and is fully enclosed.

Be interesting to follow up.



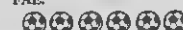
This week sees the start of the Football Academy of Excellence based on the best of a similar school in Brazil and the equivalent German version.

Leo Gardikiotis and



Vince Colagiuri, two names that would be familiar to Ericsson Cup followers, have launched the venture in Sydney.

Dr Netto the head of the Brazilian Football Academy has endorsed the two enterprising former players' FAE.



Gardikiotis in fact attended the Brazilian school in Rio de Janeiro and after three intensive weeks emerged with their Certificate. Something not given lightly.

The best wishes of ABSW go to these two young and dedicated Soccer disciples.



Seen in Canberra at Bruce Stadium on Friday was Dez Marton. He was there for the Womens game.

Dez had a particular interest for a pupil from his Goalscorers Academy was in the NSW team. Her name, Sandra Slavrov.



Talking of that game the teams came from the ACT and the NSW Academies of Sport. They used to be known as the ITC squad.

ITC in this context stood for Intensive Training Centre. Now it used to be known in armed service terms as Initial Training Centre.

So good riddance to ITC and Welcome Academy.

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END

Almost three years to the day after playing the game of his life in what was regarded as one of Australian soccer's finest hours, Paul Wade has called an end to his international career.

The biggest sports crowd ever at the Sydney Football Stadium on October 31, 1993, witnessed the crucial World Cup qualifier against Argentina and Wade was assigned the job of marking the world's greatest player, Diego Maradona.

It was the highlight of Wade's captaining career and even though Australia only drew the game 1-1, it was the crowning jewel in his record 118 games in the green and gold.

"I've never had more sense of national pride than at that moment, and for me it would be the highlight that I'll take away from this, the last eleven years," Wade said.

Born in Altrincham,

Cheshire of Yorkshire parents, the wide eyed kid grew up to become Australian Soccer's most famous and respected ambassador.

He has never quite shaken off the English accent after emigrating at 11 to Victoria, but his commitment to Australian Soccer can never be questioned.

Lacking the God-given skills of players like Maradona, Wade exemplified the Australian player with his fierce tackling and never-say-die attitude. His inability to recover from the injuries, which are so much a part of that style, have forced his retirement.

"I'm retiring because I don't think I can do two seasons a day with the Socceros training-wise," he said. "I can't cut it physically at training any more."

Wade made his debut in Australian colours for the 'B' side in September 1985 against China in Canberra, the

same venue in which he ended his international career against Tahiti on Friday. This is the home ground of his current Ericsson Cup club, Canberra Cosmos.

Wade's first full international was on August 3, 1986 against Czechoslovakia in Melbourne. The game finished as a 1-1 draw.

Four years later against the Malaysian Olympic team, he wore the Captain's armband for the first time.

For the past two seasons Wade has held a tenuous position in the Socceros.

A self-proclaimed favourite of former Australian coach Eddie Thomson, who has left the position to take up a lucrative contract in the Japanese J-League, he hung onto the captaincy despite not holding a regular place with South Melbourne.

After eight years with the club, he was axed in January 1995, a year he described as a roller coaster

That same year and only days before receiving an Order of Australia for his work in Soccer, South Melbourne coach Frank Arok, the man who as Socceros coach gave Wade his international debut, told him to find another club.

He had a short stint with the then NSL Club, Heidelberg before his move to Canberra.

Despite his trouble with South Melbourne, Thomson kept faith with Wade and selected his favourite captain for the Socceros series against Colombia.

Wade was hopeful the Colombia series would re-ignite his international career, but it did not.

Ankle surgery kept him out of the recent series in South Africa and the writing was on the wall when caretaker international team coach, Raul Blanco left him out of the side which defeated Tahiti 6-0 in Papeete.



But Blanco, maybe in a mark of respect for Australia's most capped player, selected Wade to captain the Socceros for his final time against Tahiti at Canberra's Bruce Stadium last Friday.

"It's better that I go now and let the guys get on with qualifying for the 1998 World Cup, which is the most important item on the current agenda," concluded Paul "Wadey" Wade.



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Wade intends to keep playing for the Cosmos. He plans to be involved with promotion and marketing of the World Game in Australia, a job he could certainly carry out in fine fashion.

Paul Wade's autobiography 'Captain Socceros' published in 1995, was a 'Ripping Yarn' as Michael Palin would see it. It traces his sporting life from

St. Helens in Lancashire, arrival at Dandenong in 1973 with the family as ten pound immigrants, right through his junior days to the undoubted highlight of his life, the games against Argentina complete with Maradona.

He has left the international stage but will inevitably remain involved for many years to come.



WOMEN'S WRITES

BY JANENE MAR

FULL STEAM AHEAD

The new 'summer league' is all set to surge full steam ahead with the support of all participating States.

The six ITC States have been given until last week to confirm their entry in general accordance with the draft competition proposal, as well as communicate any foreseen problems or concerns.

AWSA Chief Executive Warren Fishers says now the early imperative is to firm up the venues in each of the six centres, and with the men's Ericsson Cup also in progress, the opportunity to holding some matches in conjunction is being investigated. All proposed venues are to be submitted to AWSA for

approval to ensure a high quality of facility throughout for players, officials, and supporters in this elite competition.

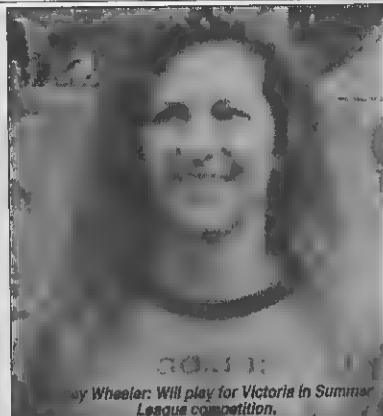
The objective of this exciting concept is primarily to provide a greater number of top quality competition matches for the national OAP Squad members and our best young players as part of Australia's elite level preparation towards the 2000 Olympics. In this vein, all National Squad members are required to give participation in the league their full commitment.

This includes those players from Western Australia, Tasmania, and the Northern Territory who at this stage are without an ITC program. National Coach Tom

Sermanni has co-ordinated the 'player draft' as follows.

Both Sarah Cooper and Sarah Fitzgerald are now resident in their adopted new States, and so in essence have not been drafted. Young talent Zoe Nolan has been granted the opportunity by Sermanni to play in the colours of Victoria, and Train-On Squad goalkeeper and fellow Tasmanian Carolyn Lynch will take her place in the South Australian goal. Western Australia's two internationals will combine to boost the Victorian lineup.

The go-ahead signals a flurry of activity by States and AWSA alike in moulding the concept into a successful event both in the competition and marketing aspects, with just four weeks before kickoff



Tracey Wheeler: Will play for Victoria in Summer League competition.

SUMMER PLAYER DRAFT

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Player	Home State	To Play For
Lizzy Claydon	WA	VIC
Sarah Cooper	NT	ACT
Sarah Fitzgerald	TAS	NNSW
Carolyn Lynch	TAS	SA
Zoe Nolan	TAS	VIC
Tracey Wheeler	WA	VIC

DUBIOUS PENALTY DECIDES CUP

The ACT Academy of Sport was named the inaugural winner of the Academy Cup over the NSW Institute of Sport outfit last Friday afternoon at Canberra's Bruce Stadium, although the contest concluded with a 1-1 scoreline.

The opener of a tight schedule of three matches, there was no room for extra time or a shootout in the event of a draw. Consequently it had been decided in advance that the scorer of the first goal was to be awarded the trophy.

That ACT Goal came in the 23rd minute of the match in controversial circumstances. Cindy Doyle in the ACT attack in her usual fashion ran at the opposition defence. NSWIS marker Neisha Klessattel remained resolute, doing well to hold off the danger. Gaining position between ball and target against the tussles of the bigger Doyle, the NSWIS camp was surprised to find the referee's decision go against Klessattel.

"I thought it was a soft penalty to be honest," said

National Coach Tom Sermanni. "ACT were a bit fortunate. Neisha did everything we want of our players in holding off the attacker, but it's one of those things. In most cases, the foul would've gone the other way."

Dior Foxhill stepped up to the spot for the resultant penalty. Keeper Cassandra Kell got a good hand to the ball, and was very unlucky to see the momentum of the strike carry it into goal.

Not long after, the home side suffered the disastrous loss of newly adopted Aussie international Sarah Cooper through a serious knee injury. Going in for a tackle, it is thought the clash of bodies caused her leg to twist one way whilst her foot remained firmly grounded.

Stretchered off, early indications suggested damage to the dreaded cruciate ligament which would put her out of the game for a prolonged period. The injury seems like a recurring nightmare for ACT players, with Sacha Wainwright still out of action from her second

knee injury, and Karly Pampa starting just now to make her return to football.

NSWIS picked up their game and were rewarded with the equaliser five minutes before the break. Built up down the left, the ball was crossed, with a flurry of pinball action following as two shots rebounded off bodies. Eventually the loose ball came back out, the hardworking midfielder Taryn Rockall on hand to slot it away.

The match remained an evenly fought battle, neither side gaining the upper hand to dominate affairs. Both demonstrating good passages of play, the game was a good exhibition of football for those in attendance with chances at each end. Overall ACTAS created the better clear-cut scoring opportunities including Doyle twice breaking through for a one-on-one with the keeper late in the game.



ACT Academy of Sport:

Amy Beattie, Felicia Claire Hepperlin, Traci Bartlett, Amanda Butler, Amy Taylor, Sarah Cooper, Amy Wilson, Danielle Hepperlin, Cindy Doyle, Kim Channing, Dior Foxhill, Sub - Angela Oszrenkovicz.

NSW Institute of Sport:

Cassandra Kell, Danielle Clarke, Neisha Klessattel, Kristine Collins, Louise McMurtrie, Heather Garriock, Ashley Hewson, Nicole Davis, Taryn Rockall, Sandra Stavrou, Kelly Golebiowski. Subs - Amanda Boyle, Lisa Collins, Danielle Smith, Anissa Tann-Darby.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The Champion of Champions competition has been going for a time in NSW. It is held each year at the season's conclusion. The event brings together the champion team from each of the local district competitions, playing off for the honour of becoming number one in the State.

Last week's finals at NSW headquarters, Valentine Park, Glenwood saw Crest from the Bankstown area emerge victors in the U/17 Division in an exciting spectacle, defeating Quakers Hill from the Blacktown district by the unusual scoreline of 7-3.

The ten goals were amazingly scored by just three players, Parker hitting a bag of five for Crest, backed up by

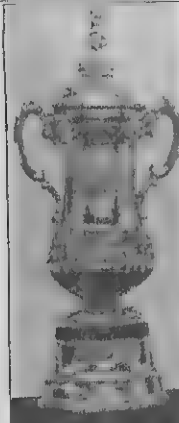
DeVries' double strike. Quakers Hill attacker Poulton completed a hatrick for the losing side.

The All Age final was more of a one-sided affair, the experienced Epping-Eastwood from the Gladesville-Hornsby Association far too strong for Nepean district's Henry Lawson and winning 8-0.

Henry Lawson unfortunately suffered through the late arrival of their goalkeeper involved in a road accident, and found themselves six goals down at half time.

The Geribo sisters went on the rampage, grabbing a hatrick each, with a goal apiece from Ruggery and Scott.

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WORKING FOR A BETTER TEAM

Australia's top players will need to bring their thinking caps to this week's National Training Camp, with plenty of sessions requiring mental attention and input from the athletes in the search for a concentrated team ethic. Commencing this Thursday, the players will be in for a packed program over six days at the AIS in Canberra.

National Coach Tom Sermanni has shifted the focus of this camp away from purely technical play and wants the onus of formulating a philosophy of teamwork to come from contributions of the players.

Team Building Consultant Jeanette Hart-Karp will facilitate the process by leading group sessions. "We'll be looking at where we want to go, how we're going to get there, et cetera," said Sermanni. "It's important we have a team perspective - these sessions are aimed at the players themselves. A

great deal of stuff revolves around this teamwork angle."

"It's worked for others, particularly the hockey team - everyone has to be pulling together in the right direction. And it's important this goes right through the organisation. Everyone has to be aware of our focus and feel comfortable with what we're doing."

In working on the team concept, discussions will also consider the workings of the management of the team. "Anything we can do to make the team function better. By the team, I mean the management side of things also," added Sermanni.

In other sessions players will be required to make analytical studies of on-field play - how the game is played and the organisation of the team. "We will be looking at plenty more emphasis on how we play when we don't have the ball and support play. These are the sort of things we need to work on."

Today's female footballer must

have the attitude of being an elite athlete and be knowledgeable in the many aspects that make a top sportsman. One important issue in elite sport today is that of drugs and drug testing. An official from the Australian Sports Drug Agency will come to the camp to assist in the players' education in this area.

"Drugs are often a topic that is taken for granted as there is no advantage in soccer players taking them," said Sermanni. "But now we are subjected to drug testing at National Championships and perhaps here at camp, players need to be aware. These are the type of educational sessions that will occur at camps from now on."

Working with the players on the physical aspects of the game will be AIS Head Strength and Conditioning Coach Harry Waddell. At this camp he will be placing emphasis on agility drills, another area Sermanni feels

needs marked improvement for Australia to climb to a higher level. "These exercises will concentrate on moving and turning both with and without the ball," explained Sermanni. "There's no use being quick if you can't move or turn effectively."

Matches will still form part of the busy camp schedule, with games against an O/35 men's combination and the ACT State U/15 successfully by Sermanni during the last camp, and is something he would like to see continue. With so much off the ball work, the players will no doubt be happy to get out on the park. Sermanni will be hoping to see the new concepts and new lessons learnt transferred into actual matchplay.

Players should emerge from this camp with a whole new perspective on how to become a complete footballer and team player, and hopefully have gained a little inspiration as to the role they play.

ON TV

Hopefully many of you saw the television depiction of women's soccer screened last Monday on SBS-TV's World Sports. The segment was an excellent insight into the game, an overall history of women in football from its earliest beginnings at the end of the 1800s and the tragic decades over which the women's game was deemed illegal, its reacceptance and current growth both in Australia and worldwide, and the

future.

This was the first of what will hopefully be regular coverage of women's soccer, a situation AWSA has been promoting in discussions with the SBS.

In addition, activity at this week's camp will be captured on film with the shooting of a documentary on our sport by an independent television producer.

Stay tuned!

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SOUTH AMERICA

— COMPILED BY MARIO ETCHART —



Freddy Rincon back for Colombia

Colombia will continue their build up for their match against Bolivia, on November 10, in La Paz, playing a friendly against Uruguayan champion Penarol, tomorrow Wednesday in Manizales.

For the game against the Bolivians, the Colombians will be without striker Victor Anzuzabal (suspended for one match), and midfielder Harold Lozano (ankle injury).

Nevertheless, the current unbeaten leaders in the South American World Cup qualifying round will welcome the return of midfielder Freddy Rincon from injury. The other overseas based players, defender Jorge Bermudez, play-maker Leonel Alvarez, goalkeeper Farid Mondragon and striker Faustino Asprilla joined the squad yesterday.

"Bolivia are, technically, a good team, and the altitude of La Paz (3,750 metres above sea level), will help them more than us. However, we will prepare our team to win, or at least come back to Bogota with a draw," said Colombian assistant coach Pedro Sarmiento.

Meanwhile, Bolivia will see their chances boosted by the return of attacking midfielder Marco Etcheverry and striker Erwin "Platini" Sanchez to the squad.

The Bolivians with only four points will need a victory to keep their chances of qualifying for France '98 alive.

The Colombians are leading the competition with 13 points from four wins, against Paraguay (1-0), Uruguay (3-1), Chile (4-1) and Ecuador (1-0), and one draw with Peru (1-1).



Marco Etcheverry: Will boost Bolivia's chances.

SPORTING CRISTAL'S HAT-TRICK

Sporting Cristal won the Peruvian national league for the third consecutive time after their 1-1 draw, against arch rivals Universitario de Deportes, at Lima's National stadium.

Paolo Maldonado opened the score for Universitario in the 21st minute, with a

penalty, and Jorge Soto equalised for the champions in the 40th.

Peruvian referee Jorge Torres finished the match in the 44th minute after suffering insults and aggression from Universitario's officials and their Argentine coach Eduardo Lujan Manera.

Cristal, coached by Uruguayan tactician Sergio Markarian finished at the top with 64 points, followed by the popular Alianza Lima with 60, Universitario 58, Sport Boys 50 and Atletico Torino 48.

Sporting Cristal are the second club to win three

championships in a row in the history of Peruvian football. The first, was Alianza Lima in the 1930's.

Markarian, who replaced Brazilian coach Jose Luis Carbone last September, praised his players for their efforts in search of such significant victory.



Alex Magallanes: Sporting Cristal have just scored.

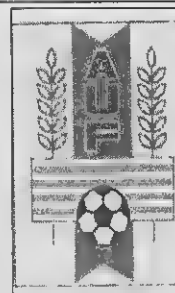
URUGUAY NAME TWELVE FROM OVERSEAS

Uruguayan coach, Hector Nunez, has named 12 overseas based players in the squad that will face Chile, on November 12, in Santiago, in the South American World Cup qualifying Group.

Six of the "foreigners", Daniel Fonseca (AC Roma), Marcelo Otero and Gustavo Mendez (Vicenza), Paolo Montero (Juventus), Luis Romeo (Cagliari), and Jose Herrera (Atalanta), are all involved in "Serie A".

Luis Romero, who is not wanted by Cagliari's new coach, could return to his former club, Uruguayan champion Penarol, together with coach Gregorio Perez, sacked two weeks ago from the Italian club.

From Argentina, Nunez called South American



"Player of the Year", Enzo Francescoli (River Plate), midfielder Marcelo Sralegui (Colon de Santa Fe), Gabriel Cedres (Boca Juniors), and Guillermo Sanguinetti (Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata).

The others are midfielders Gustavo Poyet and Alvaro Gutierrez, both from Spanish club Zaragoza, and goalkeeper Robert Siboldi from Mexican first division club Nuevo Leon.

The most likely squad for the match against the Chileans is:

Goalkeeper: Siboldi.

Defenders: Sanguinetti, Herrera, Montero and Mendez.

Midfielders: Sralegui, Poyet, Cedres and Francescoli.

Strikers: Fonseca and Otero or Romero.

Uruguay has played four matches winning two, against Venezuela (2-0), and Bolivia (1-0), and against Paraguay (2-0), and Colombia (3-1).

VENEZUELAN SQUAD FOR MATCH AGAINST PERU

Venezuelan national coach, former international Rafael Santana has named his squad to face Peru, in Lima, on November 10, for the South American World Cup qualifying rounds.

Among the new faces is striker Jose Luis Dolguetta who was the highest scorer, together with Gabriel Batista, in the 1993 Copa America held in Ecuador.

Venezuela, the weakest team on the continent, has only one point from four games (1-1 against Chile in San Cristobal), while the Peruvians have three points



from four matches.

Peru lost 4-1 to Ecuador and drew 1-1 with Colombia, 0-0 with Argentina, and 0-0 with Bolivia.

Venezuela's squad is:

Goalkeepers: Dudamel, Giordano.

Defenders: Echenausi, C Garcia, Filosa, Gonzalez, Tortolero, Gonzalez, Vallenilla.

Midfielders: Diaz, Urdaneta, Vera, Hernandez, Valente, Miranda.

Strikers: J Garcia, Castella, Moran, Dolguetta, Gera, Savarese.

River Plate leads the Argentine league

River Plate, playing some outstanding and Riskful football, lead the Argentine League first phase with 22 points, three more than Cesar Luis Menotti's Independiente.

River, coached by former Argentine international striker Ramon Diaz, defeated Gimnasia y Esgrima de Jujuy, 3-0, with goals from Ariel Ortega, Juan Pablo Sonin and Julio Cruz.

The current leaders have scored 12 goals in the last three games, and only lost one match in nine rounds, against arch rivals Boca Juniors in "La Bombonera" stadium, three weeks ago.

Meanwhile, second placed Independiente only managed a 2-2 draw, at home, with Deportivo Espanol. Jorge Martinez scored twice for the "red devils", and Gustavo Grondona and Walter Parodi netted for Espanol.

In a local derby, Argentine champions Velez Sarsfield and Boca Juniors drew 1-1. Patricio

Camps opened the account for Velez, while midfielder Julio Torresani scored for Boca Juniors.

In other important matches, San Lorenzo thrashed Colon 4-1 with goals scored by Uruguayan U/20 international striker Sebastian

Abreu. Juan Fleita, former Argentine captain Oscar Ruggeri, and Ariel Montenegro; Lanus drew 1-1 with Racing Club with Ariel Lopez converting for Lanus and Fernando Quiroz equalising for Racing.

Other results: Huracan of Corrientes 2 Estudiantes de La Plata 2, Union 3 Banfield 1, Ferro Carril Oeste 1 Rosario Central 3, Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata 1 Huracan 1.

After nine rounds, River Plate leads with 22 points, followed by Independiente and Lanus with 19, Velez Sarsfield 17, Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata and Racing Club 15, San Lorenzo and Boca Juniors 14, Newell's Old Boys 13, Rosario Central 12.



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ROBBIE
FOWLER

Dunfermline Athletic

BY STUART JONES

Ground: East End Park
Address: Halbeath Road Dunfermline Fife KY 12 7RB
Founded: Dunfermline (15 minutes walk)
Founded: 1885
Admitted to League: 1921
Ground Capacity: 18,340
Seats: 4,020
Pitch Size: 114 yd *72yd
Largest Gate: 27,816 v Celtic Div 1 30th April 1968
Biggest Win: 11-2 v Stenhousemuir Div 2 27 Sept 1930
Heaviest Defeat: 1-11 v Hibernian Scottish Cup 3rd rd replay 26 Oct 1889
Nickname: The Pars
Colours: Black and White
Honours: League 1st Division 1988-89, 1995-96
 Div 2 — 1925-26
 2nd Division 1985-86
 Scottish Cup: 1961, 1968
 1968 were semi finalists in the Cup Winners Cup of Europe

History: In 1885 the club was formed when footballing members of the cricket club at Lady's Mill left and played at East End Park. Smaller clubs won League status while the club continued to wait. By the time they joined the league they had some of the best attendances outside Glasgow and Edinburgh. East End Park was used by the Army in World War One so the club played at Blackburn Park. In 1926 the ground was improved as the club joined the First Division. In the early 30s the club saw greyhound racing at their ground. The Second World War brought the army back. In 1959 the club had floodlights turned on for the first time. The club had its most success in the 1960s and a game against Celtic in 1968 saw a club record attendance. However one man died during the game so the club never bulged to the seams again. One person who had gone crashed that day sent a five shilling postal order as he felt guilty for getting in for free! By the 1980s the stadium built for European competition held the likes of Ayr United.... However success last season, after choking the previous couple of seasons, has meant a return to the Premier League.

Weird and Wonderful

By STUART JONES

Ken Bates has denied reports Roud Gullitt is on his way to Ajax. After the tragic death of Matthew Harding there were reports Gullitt was going to work alongside Johan Cruyff at the Dutch club. However Bates has scoffed at these reports. He has also denied the money will dry up at Stamford Bridge. He stated that money was available for signings, however Chelsea were now only after world class players and top clubs just don't release those sort of players every day.

The transfer merry-go-round continues. Nick Barmby is said to be unsettled (again!) and Liverpool and Everton are bidding for him just as they did Collymore. According to reports, Roy Evans has to balance the wage books and selling Collymore would help. If he bought Barmby he would be more willing to look at selling Collymore who would prefer to return to the midlands. Everton are said to be shying away due to the asking price for Barmby, and Leeds and Blackburn have not yet stepped in officially so Barmby may be Anfield bound. There are added incentives too like Roy Evans' second in charge Doug Livermore, having worked with Barmby at White Hart Lane, while as a lad he supported and had a brief spell at Liverpool.

Bryan Robson said he and Juninho could not really play in the same side, and Robson may go for the Liverpool deal especially if they throw John Scales in as part of it. As for Collymore, if Milosevic's sale to an Italian club does go through then he may be off to Aston Villa to link up with Dwight Yorke.

Meanwhile Everton may step up their approach for Darren Eadie or Trevor Sinclair from first division clubs.

Joe Kinnear has been told his future is at Wimbledon. The club's owner has put up a big 'hands off' sign to Premiership strugglers Blackburn Rovers. The London club are having one of their best seasons ever despite Dean Holdsworth being on and off the transfer list. With acquisitions like Ben Thatcher in the off season, the Wombles are no longer living off other people's rubbish.

Poor Mark Bosnich has undergone a further operation and is out for another month to add to his current woes. The other problem he has is, the more Michael Oakes plays between the sticks, the more he impresses. If he's not careful Bozzie may end up like Nigel Spink (well perhaps not just yet...).

I visited Stalybridge Celtic whilst overseas in 1995. The President was amazed anyone in Australia had heard of them but of course the club had once played in the League (1921/22 and 1922/23). The club was hidden away but the ground looked half decent for a non league team. The ground also played host to Oldham's reserve team. The club itself tends to reflect on past glories although hopes of a return to the league certainly sounded like an aim, from the President's positive actions in improving the ground. For a piece of football history it was a great ground to visit, and to get a free tour, plus programs a cap/flag etc was more than neighbours Oldham up the road offered. Their colours are not green surprisingly, but they play in blue and white.

Of course the Guatemala disaster means we bring out the list of tragedies at soccer games. Thank goodness the gates were opened so a few more survived this disastrous day in Guatemala. Unfortunately everytime it happens the words "We will learn from this tragedy and hopefully it won't happen again" are used and yet this has not been the case. Those awful scenes at Hillsborough warned everyone about the fences and yet there they were again. Do we learn? I hope so. Too many times a mixture of politics and football administration have stagnated progress on the safety front and cost spectator lives - whilst directors and officials can look on in the safety of their private boxes.



CREST OF ENGLAND & SAMURAI WARRIOR

By PAUL MILLAR

In a shady garden at the rear of a weatherboard house in sleepy South Geelong, Victoria is a square of turf that owes its origins to more hallowed surroundings and has links with a Scottish victory that revives memories of Bannockburn (an infamous battle between the English, their allies and the remaining Highland Scotsman).

The current owners of the home have no idea that the scratches on adjoining footpaths mark the location of a pocketful of soil snatched from Wembley Stadium amid wild celebrations after a team of Scottish battlers beat the cream of English soccer 2-1.

That June day the turf thief danced a celebratory jig with thousands of the tartan-decked supporters on the baize beneath the twin white towers of the world's most famous Football stadium.

The year was 1977 and is well remembered in soccer circles as the day the Tartan Army stole the crossbars and the centre spot from the home of English football.

Braveheart lookalikes celebrated like never before and the red Scottish lion with the words *Remember Bannockburn* on the base of their flags filled every corner of the arena.

Nursing a hangover and carrying a kitbag full of dreams a young migrant left

for Australia the next day.

When he arrived in Victoria he presented his aunt and uncle with the customary gifts from his homeland. Duty free Johnnie Walker and Drambuie, but he had something a little special in a plastic bag.

The turf was duly removed, planted in South Geelong and toasted in Gaelic.

A drive past the home recently rekindled the memories and a passion to return to the mecca of football when visiting Britain.

On a warm summer's day earlier this year I made a return visit to the Borough of Brent to see again the stadium that Pele named "the church of football".

There has been ongoing speculation that the stadium will be rebuilt, and only the 30 metre twin towers left intact, so I was keen to show my 12-year-old son the original field of dreams.

The stadium was built in 1923 from over 25,000 tonnes of ferro concrete, 1000 tonnes of steel, more than half a million rivets and cost 750,000 pounds.

It was created as the centrepiece of the 1924 British Empire Exhibition, but made its mark in the history books in April 1923 when Bolton Wanderers beat West Ham 2-0 in what became known as the white horse Final.

An estimated 200,000



packed the stadium that day to watch the Cup Final and a policeman on a white horse named Billy, made headlines when he nudged fans behind the line so the game could start.

More than 70 years on the crowds still flock to Wembley and there are behind the scenes tours daily with the exception of match or special event days.

There was no mention of the Scottish victory on our tour, but there were plenty of reminders of England's 1966 World Cup victory at the national stadium.

A tour of the stadium is a must for any sports lover, even an empty Wembley can

make the hairs stand up on the back of your neck.

The event control room, with cameras that control traffic flow to the ground and can pinpoint troublemakers, was interesting.

The stadium's own hospital, did nothing for me, the television commentary box was grotty but with a great view and the Long Bar, which is 65 metres long, was just a long bar.

However when you get down into the bowels of the stadium, the history of the place starts to take a grip.

There's nothing luxurious about the bathrooms, just rows and rows of tiled and old looking baths with the crest of

England stamped on one wall and a Samurai warrior on the visitors.

The changerooms are no better than those of your local football side, in fact, they are smaller than you would expect.

However, when you start to realise it's here where the players wait nervously, listening to the crowd, the coach and the tension relieving bouncing of balls that you feel part of the occasion.

England shirts are hung up on the walls just to add to the atmosphere and when the guide takes you down the massive players' tunnel it's like a childhood dream.

You might never get the chance to hear the Wembley roar as a player, but tour operators make sure you get the next best thing.

The speakers blast out the chanting and if you close your eyes for just a moment and feel the grass beneath your feet you can dream of what might have been.

A stroll across the park where Bobby Charlton led Manchester United to a European Cup triumph, where Stanley Matthews worked his wizardry, and where Kenny Dalglish sank England is a must, especially when it leads to the Royal Box. With the speakers still blaring chants you can walk up the 39 steps

and lift the cup, dream some more and, of course, get somebody to take a photograph.

At the end of the tour I revived a personal memory by vaulting the barriers and racing to the spot where I stole the turf.

I looked at the ground half expecting a bare patch, but it was a rich green the same as the rest of the pitch.

"You're a nutter Dad, you'll get arrested and they'll find out you cut the grass the last time you were here," said my son.

No chance of that though as I was in good company, King George V cut the first turf at the opening and I was just following in his royal footsteps.

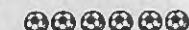
How to get there: Only a few kilometres from the heart of London's West End.

Underground (the Tube) to Wembley Park by Metropolitan Line (12 minutes from Baker Street).

Also underground to Wembley Central (Bakerloo Line).

British Rail to Wembley Central from Euston or through Watford.

The Wembley complex is on the north circular road (A406) with easy access to M40, M4, M1, A1 and M25 motorways.





ERICSSON CUP

MATCH REPORTS

LATE GOAL GAINS COSMOS FIRST POINTS

Canberra Cosmos 1

By TED SIMMONS

Newcastle Breakers 1

Defender Paul Dee snatched the first points of the Ericsson Cup season for Canberra Cosmos with a stoppage time goal for a 1-1 draw with Newcastle Breakers at Bruce Stadium last Friday.

Canberra had lost its three previous games and seemed headed for another defeat as fulltime approached.

After a scoreless first half, Newcastle went ahead when midfielder Troy Halpin split the defence with a 74th minute long run down the right.

He cut around the backs, squared the ball into the centre where the unmarked Clayton Zane easily beat keeper Tony Giannasca.

Halpin had two good chances in the 28th minute

when he broke into the penalty area but saw his shot rebound from the keeper. He then crashed his second attempt against the upright.

Canberra's first real chance came a few minutes later when 17-year-old midfielder Vince Grella volleyed a 25-metre shot just over the bar.

The Cosmos had two further opportunities just before halftime when James Baxter headed wide and Lachlan Armstrong hit the crossbar with a brilliant overhead kick.

Canberra constantly played a square backline, allowing the speedy Newcastle attack plenty of room to run wide.

Halpin was particularly dangerous despite an early yellow card for an over



vigorous tackle.

Both teams attacked throughout the match but their eagerness often led to over ambitious or misplaced passes.

Giannasca brought off some fine saves for Canberra but was otherwise rarely threatened.

Dee, who had worried



Newcastle with his overlapping runs in the first half, was quiet in the early stages of the second session.

However, his positional play paid off two minutes into stoppage time when he ran onto the ball 20 metres from goal and smashed his long shot past Newcastle keeper Liam Baker.



Paul Dee: Kept his defence tight, but was going to score very soon.

Cosmos: Giannasca, Dee, Watson, Garcia, Kelly, Armstrong, Wilson, Baxter, Grella (Buljan 78), Koci, Mazis.

Newcastle: Baker, Pryce, Spod, Ironside, Thomas, Zane, Halpin, McManus, Bennett (Lowe 79), Wilson (Sharpley 48), Austin.

Scorers: Cosmos - Dee (90); Newcastle - Zane (74).

Yellow cards: Cosmos - Kelly (33), Mazis (68), Garcia (72).

Newcastle - Halpin (8), Pryce (16).

Referee: M. Breeze.

Crowd: 9,421
POY: 3-Halpin (Newcastle), 2-Dee (Cosmos), 1-Wilson (Cosmos).

MARCONI MESMERISED BY PUMAS

Marconi

By JOHN ECONOMOS

Sydney United

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Sydney United on Saturday night served serious warning that they will be challenging for the league championship, when they comprehensively destroyed Marconi 3-0 at Marconi Stadium in front of almost 9,000.

A lacklustre first half ended scoreless even though the extremely well organised Pumas had control.

The first real chance of the match came in the 23rd minute when Marconi's international midfielder Craig Foster flighted a corner from the right which was volleyed downwards by midfielder Brad Maloney with the ball screaming dangerously just over the horizontal.

Minutes before the break, Marconi's tenacious striker Andy Harper streaked away on a 55 metre raid, skinned United's central marker Mark Babic, got into the left side of the box but his cross to the far post went begging with no support in sight.

In the 48th minute United's David Zdrilic drew first blood.

Attacking left midfielder Ante Moric started the move, combining with link man Kresimir Marusic who squared a perfect pass to Zdrilic on the right as the marksman steadied himself drawing goal keeper Bobby Catlin off his line, before firing from fourteen metres into the right corner of the target.

Two minutes later United doubled their score. The in form Moric was again in action as he sprayed from the left a cross to striker Ante Milicic on the right. Milicic beat a defender and re-crossed to the left for Moric to blast a rising rocket into the right corner of the target.

United's midfield of Robbie Eas, Paul Bilokapic and Moric repeatedly closed down all Marconi threats with the talented right back Robbie Trajkovski constantly driving himself into the midfield in



David Zdrilic: Raised his total to 10 goals for Marconi Strikers.

support.

In the 61st minute Enes' cross from the left found Milicic in the clear from the right but the skilful striker blasted wide and high of the target.

Five minutes from the bell,

72nd minute substitute, Damir Cvetko scored his first goal on Australian soil when Enes put him through.

Cvetko showed great professionalism as he calmly chipped a low shot across the

Marconi: Catlin; Bingley (S Babic 53), Soric, Longo, De Marigny, Holst (Zoric 65); Malone, Foster, Ravanello; Harper, Awariete.

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Sydney United: Kalac; Trajkovski, Kupresak, M Babic, Popovic, Enes (J Culina 88), Moric, Bilokapic (Rudan 89); Zdrilic, Marusic (Cvetko 72), Milicic.
Scorers: United: Zdrilic (48), Moric (50), Cvetko (85)
Yellow Cards: Marconi: Maloney (4). United: Trajkovski (20), Cvetko (81).

Referee: E Lennie
Crowd: 8,952
POY: 3-Popovic (United), 2-Kupresak (United), 1-Catlin (Marconi).

diving giant frame of Catlin. A surprisingly composed United coach, Branko Culina stated after the match, "It was a well balanced and disciplined performance throughout by the whole team. These local derbies always bring out the best in us."

Meanwhile, an unhappy Marconi coach, Manfred Schaeffer reflected, "In the first half I felt we were competitive. Then we gave away those two early second half goals. They are not a three goal better side than us, but they took their chances and at this stage I am not panicking and treating this as a minor set back."

United's lanky international libero, Tony Popovic was magnificent in defence as well as repeatedly linking up in attack and driving his team on to victory.



Popovic easily man of the match showed just what a professional he is.

In addition the extremely experienced Velimir Kupresak and Enes who constantly sprayed intelligent long flat through balls for his strikers were also in top form. Best for Marconi was goalkeeper, Bobby Catlin who thwarted United on a number of occasions preventing at least two goals.

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UK STORIES

Barmby joins Toffeemen at Goodison

Middlesbrough's England forward Nick Barmby signed for premier league Everton on Tuesday for \$A11.5 million.

The 22-year-old, who had also been linked to Liverpool and Leeds United, moves to Merseyside just over a year after joining Middlesbrough from Tottenham Hotspur for \$A10.5 million.

Barmby, capped 10 times for England, was Middlesbrough's top scorer in the league last season with seven goals. He has scored just once this season and failed to secure a permanent first team place.

"We would like to thank Nick for the service he has given to Middlesbrough during his 15 months with the club and wish him every success in the future,"

Middlesbrough chief executive Keith Lamb said.

Middlesbrough coach Bryan Robson said he had gradually come to the conclusion he could not play Juninho and Barmby in the same side, as the two players were too similar.

Juninho joined Middlesbrough a year ago and although he has failed to live up to his expected promise, Robson has decided to utilise his talents rather than Barmby's.

Barmby graduated from the English Football Association's School of Excellence and joined Tottenham as a teenager. He upset many Spurs fans when he left the London club last year saying he was homesick and wanted to return to the north of England.



Nick Barmby: Leading scorer last season but out of favour and on his way to Everton.

VETERAN CENTRE FORWARD FORCED OUT

Former England centre forward Cyril Regis, who has been playing professionally for almost 20 years, has been advised by a specialist to hang up his boots.

Regis, 38, who won five England caps and an FA Cup winners' medal in his heyday, signed a one-year contract with third division Chester at the start of last season.

The powerfully built striker played his last game in February because of a trapped nerve in his calf that required

an operation.

Chester boss Kevin Ratcliffe said, "He's obviously upset by the decision although he realises he's had a good innings. He's not that young any more and when it's time to pack it in, you have to accept the inevitable."

Regis began his career with West Bromwich Albion in 1977 and made 237 League appearances for the Baggies before moving to Coventry City.

He made 238 League

appearances for the Sky Blues and was a member of their 1987 FA Cup-winning side.

The French Guyana-born striker played for two more Midlands clubs, Aston Villa and Wolves. He also had a spell with Wycombe Wanderers before joining Chester.

He is keen to go into management and applied for the Wycombe job in the wake of Alan Smith's departure, but the post went to Aston Villa assistant manager John Gregory.



CELTIC TAKE OVER AT TOP

Celtic went top of the Scottish premier division for the first time in 14 months on Saturday after they beat Aberdeen 1-0 and defending champions Rangers were held to a 2-2 draw by bottom club Raith.

A goal from Italian winger Paolo di Canio after 70 minutes gave Celtic the three points and they lead on goal difference.

Rangers fell behind against Raith, hit back with goals from Dutchman Peter Van Vossen and Scotland striker Ally McCoist, and then conceded a late equaliser to Iain Monro.

"I'm disappointed to have lost a lead again," Rangers manager Walter Smith said. "In all the matches we've dropped points this season we've been ahead."

Troubled Paul Gascoigne, named in England's squad for

the World Cup qualifier against Georgia next weekend, had an indifferent game.

Rangers have taken just five points from their last four matches. Their next league game is at Celtic Park.

In other matches, Hearts beat Dunfermline 2-0 and Dundee United won 3-1 at Motherwell.



Paolo di Canio: His goal took the Blues above Rangers.

England Squad for Georgia

Goalkeepers - David Seaman (Arsenal), Ian Walker (Tottenham Hotspur), David James (Liverpool).

Defenders - Gary Neville (Manchester United), Stuart Pearce (Nottingham Forest), Andy Hinchcliffe (Everton), Gareth Southgate (Aston Villa), Tony Adams (Arsenal), Sol Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur), Dominic Matteo (Liverpool).

Midfielders - Paul Ince (Inter Milan), Paul Gascoigne (Rangers), David Beckham (Manchester United), Steve McManaman (Liverpool), David Platt (Arsenal), David Batty (Newcastle), Matthew Tisser (Southampton).

Strikers - Nicky Barmby (Everton), Les Ferdinand

(Newcastle), Teddy Sheringham (Tottenham), Robbie Fowler (Liverpool), Ian Wright (Arsenal), Paul Merson (Arsenal).



Paul Gascoigne: Fielder for Rangers.

TABLOIDS CHASTISED in Britain

Britain's media watchdog last week castigated British tabloid newspapers for their coverage of the Euro 96 championships, saying it was offensive and in bad taste.

The Press Complaints Commission said anti-German headlines ran before England's semi-final clash with Germany had "significantly misjudged the public mood."

The London Sun said "Let's Blitz Fritz", the Daily



Mirror's banner headline proclaimed "Achtung Surrender" - and The Daily Star said: "Herr We Go. Bring On The Krauts".

The coverage prompted 300 complaints to the commission from British readers. The German government and the German team did not complain.

Germany won the semi-final on penalties before beating the Czech Republic in the final.

The Daily Mirror pointed out to the commission it had apologised to readers for any offence caused and The Sun and Daily Star said the jokes it made were "good-natured."

Red & yellow card sponsorship?

The Football Association has thrown out suggestions that referees' red and yellow cards might soon carry the names of sponsors.

With cards being shown more often these days for fouls or dissent, a computer games company reportedly is trying to take advantage of the advertising opportunity.

"There's absolutely no chance," said FA

spokeswoman Claire Tomlinson. "For a start, there's the impartiality of referees to think about. People would be drawing up league tables to see how many times cards are shown."

"No part of the referee is open to sponsorship. I don't think we have had an official approach about this but it doesn't matter anyway," Tomlinson said.

"It just couldn't happen."



United go down for fourth time in row

Manchester United crumbled to their fourth loss in a row on Saturday, beaten 2-1 by Chelsea in a premier league clash at Old Trafford, only three days after their first-ever home defeat in European competition.

Over 55,000 fans saw goals by defender Michael Duberry and Italian striker Gianluca Vialli put Chelsea into a 2-0 lead before substitute Karel Poborsky replied for the Reds nine minutes from the end. But it wasn't enough to prevent United losing at home for the first time in the league for nearly two years.

With 19 points from 12 games, the defending champions are now six points behind leaders Arsenal, who drew 2-2 at fourth placed Wimbledon.

after twice taking the lead at Selhurst Park.

Ian Wright and Paul Merson put the Gunners well in front only for Vinnie Jones and Marcus Gayle to hit back for the home team. Arsenal now have 25 points from 12 games.

Seventh place Aston Villa maintained their challenge with a 2-0 victory over struggling Nottingham Forest, who have slipped to second from bottom.

Leicester tumbled 2-0 at



Derby in a meeting of two promoted clubs. Ashley Ward and an own goal by Leicester defender Mike Whitlow gave Derby the points.

Chris Armstrong's sixth goal of the season gave Tottenham a 1-0 victory over West Ham.

Leeds halted their slide with a 3-0 win over Sunderland with strikes by Mark Ford, Lee Sharpe and Brian Deane.

Former England international goalkeeper Chris Woods, on loan from MLS team Colorado Rapids, made his debut for Southampton in a 1-1 draw with Sheffield Wednesday. John Newsome

fired Wednesday ahead before Matt Le Tissier levelled from a penalty.

Bolton, relegated from the Premier League last season, moved six points clear of their rivals in division one after downing Huddersfield 2-0.

Second place Norwich went down 2-1 at home to Charlton.



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BACK ROW L to R: TOM SERMAN (NATIONAL COACH), SONJA GEGENHUBER, JOANNE PETERS, CHERYL SALISBURY,
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